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1924 Expected To Be Greatest In Oil's History

(Read what the editor of one of the leading oil papers of Texas has to say about the future of the oil industry. Then consider what is in store for Alberta, with the latest proven oil field.)

By J. F. MORRISSEY,
Editor Texas Oil World.

The oil industry is in a position stronger than it has ever held as the year 1923 draws to its close. The bare statement might appear over optimistic were it not based on considerations of such solidity that there is no argument with which to contradict it.

No Cloud In The Sky

Sentiment, even among those whose interest it has been to exaggerate adverse factors, and to create a bearish atmosphere, has changed, or is rapidly changing. As the dawn of the new year lights the sky not a cloud is visible. The year 1924 is to be born at the most propitious moment that could be given it—the morning after the greatest depression the oil industry has known in years. Had 1923 continued to its close as it began, there would be reason for fear for the future of the new born babe of the years. On the contrary, 1923 was shaped by providence to be the solid foundation of the most prosperous oil year that the country has ever known.

Depression Presages Development

Depression is the natural and essential precursor of prosperity in the oil industry. It precedes prosperity as night precedes day. But the depression of 1923 was no ordinary depression. Its causes are not yet generally admitted, but its dimensions are acknowledged. It was the most terrific depression in years. Had it been justified it would have strewn the nation with wrecks of mighty oil corporations. As it was, its effects were disastrous to scores of great and smaller companies which, as the next six months pass, will in turn be announced as acquired, by merger or otherwise, by the companies responsible for the effects from which they thus benefit.

Prosperity Proportioned to Preceding Depression

The first reason, therefore, for the conviction that 1924 will be the year of years in oil, is that it is in nature's course that prosperity in the oil industry inevitably follows depression and is, moreover, proportioned to the magnitude of the depression which it succeeds.

Methods to be Revolutionized

While oil men themselves largely overlook it, a vast change has come over the oil industry and is about to revolutionize its methods. The methods of the oil industry have up to this hour been in many respects archaic, timeworn, narrow and miopic. The oil magnates have been going along by rule of thumb. Last summer they all cried out together, "God help us! We've got a 55 days' supply of gasoline on hand!" These were the men who have ruled oil and been responsible for the programs of the industry. This sort of stupidity has about run its course. An example of anything like this in an essential, universally and increasingly demanded, basic product baffles the mind. There is nothing on earth like it.

Calculating a City's Water Supply

Some years ago Los Angeles took as its slogan, "1,000,000 in 1920," and at once set to work to secure an adequate water supply. Mulholland, great engineer that he is, harnessed the waters of the Sierras, and at enormous expense the city secured water water for 1,000,000 and, it thought, for many millions. The year 1920 passed and the city had not reached its million by several hundred thousand, but a day or two ago Mulholland again spoke and launched as necessary a water supply plan for 20,000,000 people. Ahead of his age as he was when he gave Los Angeles her first mammoth water supply, Mulholland realizes that even then he was too conservative, too lacking in vision for the increasing needs of the future.

Shortsighted Methods Obsolete

But, while a city that fails to provide water for years ahead is hopelessly backward and shortsighted, the industry which provides the essential fuel for rapidly increasing demand of millions of automotive vehicles and stationary engines, and the still more rapidly increasing demand of factories, public buildings and homes, is on the verge of collapse, because it has a 55-day supply of gasoline on hand, and the oil magnates for the first time in years startled heaven with appeals to the Omnipotent to jump in and save the situation. The thing is so ludicrous that it borders on the tragic. How much longer are these shortsighted tailors, masquerading as leaders of the oil industry, to go on with their little tapemeasures and go into apoplectic spasms whenever they find we have 10

educate scores of householders. The dmand for oil prodays' more oil or gasoline on hand than we had at the same day the year before?

Storage Has Become Essential

Happily, the end of this sort of thing is here, even though it be by accident. When the industry was frightened by the huge but overestimated California production it did what it should have done long years before. It began for the first time to erect considerable storage. The storage was not needed. California fell off, as this newspaper had foreseen, before storage of great dimensions was required. From now on there is going to be more storage of oil. We have the initial reserve storage, not as we should have it, by deliberate provision, but by accident. More storage will follow through the country and it will be needed. The world is moving too fast for safety, with a 50 or even a 70-day supply of gasoline on hand. We are passing out of the rule-of-thumb methods forever. This is the second reason why 1924 is certain to be a prosperous year. It may disclose great oil fields. We believe it will. But they will not cause the oil magnates to burst in on the peace of heaven with cries for outside aid.

Fuel Demand to Exceed That of Automobiles

The increasing demand for oil and oil products by the automobiles of the country, while so great that no limit can be set to it, is as nothing compared with the increasing market for fuel oil. A beginning has been made which in the coming year will advance like a prairie fire. Oil is the only heating fuel. Every home is its certain market. At far higher prices than those reigning now, it is cheaper, cleaner and in every way more satisfactory than coal. Great oil companies with vision already have begun to place oil burners and heaters in homes at a $1 a year rental. Soon this will not be necessary to stimulate the demand. Every such oil burner installed will serve to educate scores of householders. The demand for oil products will clipse even that for gasoline, and 1924 will prove this and, in proving it, entrench itself against every fear of oil depression, no matter how great the oil fields about to be brought in.

Lastly, the best-informed authorities maintain that there is little or no doubt that the increasing demand of this nation for oil and oil products will have so depleted the subsurface oil reserve of the United States in the next year or two, that by 1928, and possibly before, the nation will have to depend for a considerable percentage of its oil on importation from foreign countries. The inference is obvious. From now on oil and whatever relates to oil, whether leases, royalties or actual production, will rise in market value. Prices such as have never been known are not only possible but rather to be expected. The law of suppy and demand is ruthless. The less of an essential product there is, the more it costs. With the geological survey flat-footedly predicting a famine for 1928 at the latest, the big oil interests are certain to prepare for it, and that means the certainty that 1924 will be a momentous oil year, and one of the greatest the industry has known, with even better years to follow.

British Petroleum Oil Is Real Lubricant

ANALYSIS SHOWS IT IS FIRST HIGH GRADE LUBRICATING OIL FOUND IN THIS PROVINCE.

Oil from the British Petroleum well, 15 miles east of Irma and 6 miles north of Wainwright, when the water is eliminated, contains 66.3 per cent of lubricant, according to an analysis of a sample made by J. Fowler of the Technical institute, Calgary, on Friday. This means that this oil is a real high grade lubricant oil which is said to be the first of its kind found in Alberta. The gasoline and kerosene content, it will readily be seen from the following analysis is small compared with its value as a lubricant. There are no gritty substances apprent in the oil.

The report of the analysis given is as follows:

1. Oil as received: Water, 15.6; gasoline, 5.2; kerosene, 18.2; lubricants 56.0; residue and losses, 5.0.
2. Oil, with water eliminated by calculation: Gasoline 6.2; kerosene, 21.5; lubricants, 66.3; residue and losses, 6.0.

Crude Oil Advance

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—Six grades of crude oil quoted in the market here were advanced 25 cents a barrel today, the new quotations ranging from $2.85 to $3.10.

ALBERTA WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

(Calgary Market Examiner)

Cattle.

BEEF — Edmonton receipts very light and good butcher stuff higher; markets hard to establish owing to limited volume; choice heavy and light steers $4.25@$4.75; good $3.75 @$4.25; medium $3@$3.50; common $2@$2.50. Choice heifers $3.25@ $3.75; good $2.75@$3.25. Choice cows $2.75@$3; good $2.25@$2.75; medium $1.75@$2.25; common $1.25@$1.75. Choice bulls will make up to $1.75; others 75c@$1.50. Choice veal $3.50 @$4.50; commong calves $2@$2.50. FEEDERS, TOCKERS—Not much trading owing to holidays, but good orders remain to be filled; choice feeders up to $3, plain range down to $2.50; stocker steers $2@$3.50. Stock heifers $1.50@$2.50; stock cows $1@ $1.50.

Hogs

Edmonton hog prices steadily gaining during the week, sales now $7.50 @$7.85, thick smooths, off feed; bacon 10 per cent premium.

Sheep.

Sheep receipts light at Edmonton, quotations nominally on basis of last report, with lambs $9.50@$10.50; yearlings $8@$9; fat ewes $4@$7.50.

Grain.

There has been a great deal of grain pouring down to the head of the lakes for storage, notwithstanding the holiday season. The market has been holding very well, and though there is not much new business developing this side of the lakes and nothing has been moving yet by rail, the tone of the market is satisfactory and though the Argentine wheat will be coming on soon there appears to be steady call for the good Canadian stuff.

Butter—Cream—Cheese.

CREAMERY BUTTER—Business is steady in the creamery line, with local consumption taking care of most the the make and the small surplus finding prompt outlet at the coast. The New Zealand butter will be coming on the market there soon. DAIRY BUTTER—Calgary dealers report practically no receipts; most of the make absorbed at country points before chance to ship. CREAM—Some creameries are reporting more butterfat coming in, which is to be expected after the holidays and the first really cold weather. Prices are unchanged andthe tone of the market firm.

Eggs—Poultry.

POULTRY—All prices unchanged from last week and likely to hold for short time, when there may be some revisions. Supplies well cleaned up, quantity put into storage not as large as was anticipated. EGGS Alberta fresh not as plentiful as few weeks ago owing to colder weather; fresh stocks largely from B. C. and U.S. coast points.

Potatoes.

Nothing moving in market at present; spuds in storage should get action later.

Hay.

Trade still quiet, with buying prices on limited purchases unchanged; trade does not look for much demand except from some of the mountain camps and some of the coal mines.

Furs.

Prices unchanged, but buyers say the tone of the market has been showing a little improvement.

Steady prices, with coyotes still holding recent advances and muskrats still selling well.

HOG PRICES ON FRIDAY PROVED TO BE UNCHANGED

The market price of thick smooth hogs on the Edmonton yards was stated to have advanced to $8.50 per hundred on Friday. This was an error, as the quotation should have been $7.50 per hundred, similar to that of the previous day, as the weakness of the market has remained unchanged. —Edmonton Journal.

GOOD TIME CLUB

At a meeting held in Roseberry School on Friday evening, Jan. 4th, a Good Time Club was organized and the following officers elected: J. Hamilton, President; James Walker, Vice-President; Mrs. W. M. Anderson, Secretary. It was decided to hold social evenings twice a month, during the winter, and invitations are extended to everybody to come and help make the club a success. The first evening's entertainment will be held on Friday, 18th when the ladies are putting on a Leap Year Social. A short program, music, cards and dancing will be indulged in and everybody is invited.

Ladies please bring refreshments.

AMBITIOUS ROAD PROGRAM PLAN OF GOVERNMENT

The Provincial Department of Public Works have prepared an extensive road program which will take at least five years to complete. The program arranged will make provision for the improvement and development of the market road system as well as the highway system. Substantially increased provincial grants will be given to Municipal Districts for the purpose of improving their market roads and the District Engineers will be relieved of some of their present duties in order that they may devote more time to advising Municipal Councils on road building. The need for improving the market road system in the Province is urgent in order to provide better facilities for marketing farm produce, but, unfortunately, this work has been delayed owing to the financial condition in which the provincial has been. The Main Highway system will be improved concurrently with the Market Road System and will be financed by capitalizing a portion of the revenue from auto licenses for a period of 15 years. Bonds will be sold for three and a half million dollars and that amount will be spent on the Highway System over the five year period. Each year for 15 years an amount from the auto license revenues will be set aside to pay the interest on the bonds and create a sinking fund which will provide for the maturing bonds. At the expiry of fifteen years the provincial debt wil lnot be increased as a result of the program now arranged. The Main Highway System will be brought up to a standard to be approved of by the Federal Highway Commission and will earn the Federal Aid Grant of 1 and one-half million which will leave about two million for an actual expenditure by the province. The province will apply for an extension of time on the Federal Aid Grant on the groundsthat many of the roads that will be improved with this expenditure will be arteries feeding the National Parks, and improved roads will bring more revenue to the Parks Branch of the Federal Government. A great deal of the preliminary work incident to proper road construction has been done during the last two years with the result that engineering principles will be applied, throughout the entire program. Gravel will be used in localities where deposits are suitably located.

DAIRY PROGRESS

The dairy industry of Alberta is making steady progress. The dairy factories manufacture into cheese and butter the surplus milk and cream produced by 40,000 farmers in an annually increasing volume.

There are 74 creameries in operation this year and it is estimated that they will have a combined output of 18,000,000 pounds of butter as compared with 15,417,070 pounds manufactured by the 54 creameries operating last year; 68 per cent. of this butter was made north and 32 per cent. south of Red Deer.

The 14 cheese factories that are now running will, it is estimated, produce 1,500,000 pounds of cheese as compared with the 931,992 pounds turned out by a similar number of plants last year. This will mean an increase of over 50 per cent in the cheese output.

IRMA MARKET

Wheat	
No. 1	74
No. 2	71
No. 3	66
Oats	
2 C W	26
3 C W	23
Track Oats	37
Track Wheat	94

The Irma U.F.A. held a meeting in the G. W. V. A. room Wednesday afternoon when a good attendance was present. Among other things discussed, the shipping association was taken up. Mr. R. Smallwood was appointed as a delegate to attend the convention being held at Viking next Monday to discuss this matter and any other members being able to attend are urged to go. Mr. Jas. Fenton was appointed as delegate to the annual U. F. A. Convention being held at Edmonton next week.

RED ROSE COFFEE *For particular people*

Pure as the breezes of the mountain gardens where it grows—not a trace of any adulterant in this delightful coffee. 4C

A Question Of Values

Not so very long ago a letter appeared in an Eastern newspaper under the heading, "Is Education a Handicap," in which the writer contended that as education did not tend to make dollars it is of little or no use. This man declared that while he had never been to a high school or a university, he makes more money than a judge. "We can read and write," he says, "and add up figures and are not worrying about Latin, or French, or algebra. I think we get on better without it. All the people that I know that know these things seem to be living a long way off, too much education does not make a man wise, it makes him silly, he doesn't know how to go after the dollar."

To this man apparently the be-all and end-all of existence is to make money, to accumulate dollars. To him nothing else matters or counts. He regards it as the chief function of mankind to make money, to be born, move on the stage of human activities, amass as much wealth as possible, and then to pass on leaving his accumulations to others wherewith to amass more, because he cannot take any of his money with him.

What a sorry, inadequate, and altogether small and mean conception of life! If every man and woman was actuated by the same motives and ideals what a disagreeable place this world would be. There would be no beauty or joy in life, no real achievement or advancement, no actual civilization, only a miserly grasping after money.

The same newspaper that published this man's letter contained the life story of Dr. Charles Steinmetz, who as a mathematician and electrical expert, was known and esteemed the world over. Steinmetz worked for the love of achievement, not money. He might have made millions, but all he left was an old motor car and a $1,500 insurance policy which he could not have escaped if he would, because it was issued to all veteran employees of the firm for which he worked. He might easily have commanded a salary of $100,000 a year, but he said he would not know what to do with it, that if he thought of money he would not work so well, and that all he wanted was a home and his laboratory. But Dr. Steinmetz has left the whole world richer and better because he lived and worked for achievement and not for money.

If Dr. Banting had "gone after the dollar" the probabilities are he would never have discovered Insulin, or, having discovered it, have patented it himself and made the whole suffering diabetic world pay tribute to him and become a millionaire.

Suppose this old world now, and through all the centuries of the past, had not had men, and women, too, who "lived a long way off," and who, according to the standard set up in the aforementioned letter, were "silly," what would be the state of mankind today? This false prophet himself would not even be able to read and write and add up figures. He would not have books to read, assuming he takes time from his money-mad race to read; he would have no pictures to enjoy; if in his "getting after the dollar" his health broke down he would not have available for his relief the wonderful discoveries of a Pasteur, a Curie, or any of the achievements of medical science. With all his dollars he could suffer and die like some dumb animal.

To the man who wrote that letter the Man of Sorrows was "silly" because did He not say to the rich young ruler: "Sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven, and come follow me."

Money has its place. It is essential in this modern world, and it is the duty of a man to make adequate provision for himself and his family. But money is only a means to an end; not the end itself.

Education, too, has its place, but like money it is only a means to an end. The man or woman who merely goes on from years to year acquiring more and more knowledge is just as big a failure as the person who devotes all time and energy in "going after the dollar." Such persons are "silly" and lose sight of the real object and meaning of human existence.

The real thing in life is "Service." Service to the state; service to one's fellow beings; service to the world so that when the time comes to leave it, the world is richer and better because one has lived in and for it.

The rewards of such a life of service are more tangible, more lasting, and in every way more satisfying than merely going after and accumulating dollars. However, as one paper in commenting on the letter referred to very truthfully says, the painful part is that the man who wrote it will never understand.

Spoke Too Loud

"Send me telegrams and send them collect," said Mayor Rolph, speaking into the microphone as he opened a new radio broadcasting station at San Francisco. "Come on, everybody, I want to find out how far my voice is carrying." He found out. By the next day the telegraph tolls had exceeded $3,000. He now wishes that he hadn't spoken so loud.

Wise mothers who know the virtues of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator always have it at hand, because it proves its value.

South America welcomes Italians, finding them an easily assimilable people, similar to them in religion and habits.

"Handsome is as handsome does," says the proverb; but if a girl is handsome she does as she pleases.

Alberta Sugar Beet Plant

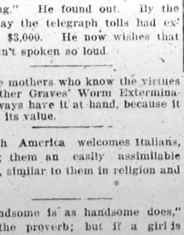
The test of sugar beet growing in the southern part of Alberta, proved beyond a doubt that there is good money to be made in that line. The Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, which has been making tests of beets grown in the province, state that if sufficient acreage can be secured that a large sugar beet factory will be established near Raymond in the next year or so.

Highest Cross In World

A cross said to be the highest in the world is that on the spire of the new Chicago Temple. Towering 560 feet above the ground, the cross, twelve feet high and six feet wide, appears but a few inches in dimensions. Great flood lights will illuminate it by night while the reflection of the sun upon the gold-leaf-covered arms will make it visible for miles in the daytime.

Eczema Covered Arms of This Healthy Child

Mrs. Alex. Marshall, Sprucedale, Ont., writes:—



Baby Marshall.

"When my little son was three months old he broke out in sores on his chest and arms. We did all we could to heal those terrible sores, but nothing did him much good. Finally I ventured on a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment and kept on using it. At last we were rewarded by the steady healing of the sores, and finally he was completely relieved of them. He is now three years old, and has had no return of the trouble since."

DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT

60 cents a box, all dealers or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

Britain Behind In Aircraft

Thirty Miles an Hour Slower Than That of Other Nations

How Great Britain lags behind other nations in some points of the science of aviation was the theme of Major Mayo, who was in charge of the designs department of the air ministry during the world war, in addressing the Royal Aeronautic Society. The major said the fastest British pursuit machine was slower by 30 miles an hour than that of any other nation, and if British planes were called to war it was a plain fact that they would never get into a fight at all.

Wheezy Chest Colds Subdued Over Night

Trained Nurse Tells How Colds Are Quickly Broken Up

NERVILINE

A Home Necessity

Speaking of valuable home remedies that every mother should always keep on hand, Nurse Carrington says: "I haven't met any preparation more dependable than 'Nerviline.' It is the ideal liniment; every drop rubs in—it is absorbed quickly, eases and relieves congestion in a short time. For chest colds, pain in the side, stiff neck, earache and toothache, I have found Nerviline invaluable. In treating the minor ills that arise in every home, nothing is more efficient than Nerviline."

For nearly fifty years Nerviline has been a household article in thousands of Canadian homes. Get a 35c bottle to-day.

Still Traffic Problem

By next January, the chief of the automotive division of the department of commerce estimates the world will be operating 17,000,000 automobiles. Apparently there will still remain some fifteen hundred million pedestrians in the world to constitute a traffic problem.—Buffalo Courier.

Asthma Overcome. The triumph over asthma has assuredly come. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy has proved the most positive blessing the victim of asthmatic attacks has ever known. Letters received from thousands who have tried it form a testimonial which leaves no room for doubt that here is a real remedy. Get it to-day from your dealer.

Battle With An Octopus

Diver, Working On Submerged Wreck, Has Thrilling Experience

A diver working on the submerged wreck of the French battleship Liberte was attacked by a huge octopus, which did not relinquish its manifold embrace until the man's comrades had cut it to pieces. The diver, Jean Negri, fought desperately with the monster under water for some time.

He was finally able to free one arm and plunged his trident into the body of the creature. The octopus, however, held fast, whereupon Negri gave the signal to be hauled up. When his companions saw the writhing monster emerge they were panic stricken; but the plight of their comrade appeared so serious that they went to his aid and freed him with their knives.

About the only perfect people in the world are the perfect fools.

Constipation

Because they contain mercury and mineral salts, many pills are harsh. The easiest and safest laxative is Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. They clean the stomach, intestines and bowels—drive out waste matter, tone the kidneys, and forever cure constipation.

Dr. Hamilton's Pills Instant Relief

As a general tonic and system-cleanser nothing is so mild and efficient as Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. At all dealers. 25c per box, five for $1.00, or The Catarrhozone Co., Montreal.

Ans Have Class Distinction

Among the army ants of South America there are some interesting class distinctions. The fighters have huge jaws, almost as big as their bodies. The workers collect food and build the nests, but they do nothing of the tidying up, which is the work of a special class of house maid ants. Others make massage their particular duty. When tired workers come in, the masseurs take charge of them, rubbing down their weary limbs.

Among the old German settlers in Pennsylvania it was a popular belief that a boy could be cured of home-sickness by placing salt in the hems of his trousers and making him look up the chimney.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Pain

For Invalids

Delicious, strengthening beef-tea and dozens of other tasty and nourishing dishes may be easily and quickly prepared with

OXO CUBES

In tins of 4, 10, 50 and 100.

Important Market For Canada

Large Quantities of Lumber, Wheat and Flour Going to China

An important market for Canadian lumber, wheat, flour and fruit is being developed in the far east, according to A. Brostedt, oriental manager of the Canadian National Railways, who arrived in Canada recently from Hong Kong. "Large quantities of British Columbia fir are being used in China for the construction of railways, wharves and work of a similar type, and more will be required when the political condition of the country becomes stable," said Mr. Brostedt. "Canadian wheat is competing successfully with the Manchuiran grown wheat, and is being carried in large quantities to oriental ports by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine. There is also a big demand for Canadian milled flour in spite of the fact that the Chinese maintain a large number of native mills."

Alberta Homesteads

Native Alberta Farmers Are Now Taking Homesteads

According to the statistics compiled by the Edmonton Dominion Land Office, it is interesting to note that homesteads are now being taken up by a number of men born in Alberta. These in the main are the sons of Galician immigrants, who apparently aim to follow in the successful footsteps of their parents from the old lands.

Recently twenty-seven homesteads were filed on at the Edmonton Land Office, as wel as one soldir's grant. The nationalities of the new farmers are as follows: Two Albertans, four from Ontario, one from New Brunswick, one from Nova Scotia, two from Manitoba, one New Zealander, nine Americans, two Englishmen, one Swede, one Pole, one Galician, one German and one Russian.—Edmonton Bulletin.

Mother! Give Sick Child "California Fig Syrup"

Harmless Laxative for a Bilious, Constipated Baby or Child

Constipated, bilious, feverish, or sick, colic Babies and Children love to take genuine "California Fig Syrup." No other laxative regulates It sweetens the bowels so nicely, the tender little stomach and starts the liver and bowels acting without griping. Contains no narcotics or soothing drugs. Say "California" to your druggist and avoid counterfeits! Insist upon genuine "California Fig Syrup" which contains directions.

Kansas Acreage Decreases

A decrease in the Kansas winter acreage of 1,826,410 acres, or 15.76 per cent., as compared with that sown a year ago, is shown in a report issued by the state board of agriculture. The estimate is 7,961,000 acres. It is the smallest acreage sown since 1917, the report says.

While it is customary to speak of Britain as being over-populated, as a matter of fact the population of the whole world could be placed in the smallest English county with room to spare.

Of the millions of passengers carried on the British railways last year only five were killed in accidents.

Minard's Liniment for Coughs

Still a Novice

Flubb.—Do you ever speculate?

Dubb.—No; I never bought a second-hand car in my life!—Judge.

A Tame Beaver

Interesting Pet Owned By a New Ontario Trapper

A North Temiskaming trapper has a tame beaver which he has christened Flapperjack, and this representative of the national emblem has become a great pet.

"Flapperjack" is not lazy, nor has he lost any of the natural instincts of his tribe, despite his several years of domestic existence. Long before a storm blows up he senses it coming and immediately starts stuffing the cracks of the doors with old bags, loose boots, papers and anything else movable. His trapper-owner not long ago was unable to enter his cabin just before a storm except through a window, thanks to the activities of his pet.

According to its owner, this very sagacious beaver can make himself very useful. Captured when a baby he has been taught to clear away the land in front of the shack and drag out the trees and gnaw out the stumps, with the result that the trapper has a nice potato patch in cultivation in the heart of the wilds.

One of the best things "Flapperjack" does is to cut cord wood, although it took many months of patient work to teach him to chew the wood to the correct stove length. Recently, having been left alone in the shack, he whiled away the time by gnawing the legs of the table and chairs, leaving the furniture flat on the floor.

SAVED BABY'S LIFE

Mrs. Alfred Tranchemontagne, St. Michel des Saints, Que., writes:—"Baby's Own Tablets are an excellent medicine. They saved my baby's life and I can highly recommend them to all mothers." Mrs. Tranchemontagne's experience is that of thousands of other mothers who have tested the worth of Baby's Own Tablets. The Tablets are a sure and safe medicine for little ones and never fail to regulate the bowels and stomach, thus relieving all the minor ills from which children suffer. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour

Free Sample Package May Be Obtained For the Asking

If you want to have some pancakes with the old-time Southern flavor, and some cakes with that buckwheat taste you have longed for, you can obtain a free sample package. You can obtain a sample package of Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour (Aunt Jemimaa's famous southern recipe ready-mixed), a sample package of Aunt Jemima's Prepared Buckwheat Flour (also ready-mixed) and a recipe folder telling how to make new and delicious pancake treats. If you want a rag doll, too—Aunt Jemima—brightly colored, ready to cut and stuff, send 10 cents in stamps or coin. Write Aunt Jemima Mills Co., Dept. 139a, St. Joseph, Mo.

1923 Coal Production

The chief inspector of mines recently announced that Alberta's coal production for 1923 had increased 1,500,000 tons over 1922. There have been increased shipments from Alberta to Manitoba, Ontario, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and the United States. The big crop movement in the west is reflected in the increased amount of railway steam coal used in 1923.

If a man is an idealist he has no business behind the scenes at the theatre or in the kitchen of a dirty restaurant.

Always Ready and Reliable.—Practically all pains arising from inflammation can be removed with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. Simply rub it on the sore spot and it is quickly absorbed by the skin. Its healing power is conveyed to the inflamed tissues which is quickly soothed. This fine old remedy is also a specific for all manner of cuts, scratches, bruises and sprains. Keep a bottle handy always.

Seventy Bushels to the Acre

Seventy bushels of wheat to the acre, all grading number one, on one hundred acres, is reported from the Pincher Creek district. This is the record for Southern Alberta this year.

Damascus means the abode of irrigation.

To Help the Veterans —Play This Game

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Definition of News

Ed. W. Howe, of Atchison, Kansas, better known as the "Sage of Potato Hill," who was in New York reecntly, told journalism students of Columbia University how to apply the acid test to a news story. Anything that will make a woman throw up her hands and say, "For Heaven's sake!" is news, said Mr. Howe.

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Canadians Thank French Premier

The members of the Canadian mission accompanying the Canadian touring exhibitions in France gave a farewell banquet to mark their appreciation of the welcome accorded them. Senator Beaubien who presided, thanked all those who had helped to make the exhibition a success. He especially mentioned the encouragement given by Premier Poincare.

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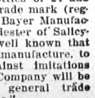

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Increasing Demand For Canadian Produce Is Shown On The British Market

Dr. J. H. Grisdale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, has returned from his recent visit to Great Britain in an optimistic mood as to the future of Canadian store cattle.

"The stocker trade of ours has met with many setbacks," he says, "and has had many obstacles put in its way, but it looks to me as if we were now over the hill. I am confident that very much more certain returns may be expected from now forward."

In company with Duncan Marshall, Commissioner of Agriculture, Dr. Grisdale went to Great Britain with a special view to improving conditions under which store cattle are admitted, and an announcement in this connection will be issued by the department. Many British farmers welcome Canadian cattle, and speak highly of them, Dr. Grisdale reports, while many others are evidently doing all they can to injure the reputation of Canadian stockers. "Nevertheless," he adds, "our cattle are making steady progress in the estimation of the British feeder, and I have no doubt but that in a short time they will enjoy just as good, if not a better, reputation han they ever did. According to the salesmen in Great Britain, Canadian stores being sent over now are quite equal to, and in many cases superior, to those that found their way across 30 years ago.

The deputy holds out the hope that improvements may be brought about very soon in the question of open space and its cost. Efforts to this end, he says, are being made in both Britain and Canada.

Dr. Grisdale does not look for any great development in the near future in the overseas business in Canadian chilled beef. The greatest problem, he said, is the high cost of distribution of the finished product. This in the case of beef in Great Britain, is often more than 200 per cent.

The trade in fat cattle from Canada shipped alive has been fair, he states.

There is at present a great opening for cattle for immediate slaughter, and, as a rule, the trade is fairly profitable. Furthermore, Dr. Grisdale thinks that this trade will soon be entirely in the hands of Canadian exporters, since the United States, the only othr country taking part, has been gradually decreasing her shipments year by year.

The trade in Canadian bacon is improving, he says, and the product is meeting with considerably less criticism than was the case a year ago. The price has advanced a little, and the quality is also higher, due in some measure, he believes, to Canada's new hog grading regulations. Canada's bacon won out very easily at the recent London dairy show in competition with exhibits from the other dominions. The great trouble is the limited quantity of bacon exported, says the deputy. There is no reason why, he thinks, the amount now going over shouldnot be increased three or four times. The minister believes that the number of hogs in Canada might easily be doubled. With improved quality and a greatly increased output, he feels assured that Canadian bacon would take its rightful place on the British market and favorably compete with that from Denmark.

Canadian dairy products, he comments, seem not to have made much progress on the British market during the past year. Canadian cheese, he says, has been standing up better this year than for some time, and as a rule has commanded a higher price than the cheese from New Zealand. At the London dairy show, furthermore, Canadian cheese carried off both first and second prizes.

The Canadian butter trade, he says, is very small and "in rather ill repute." The great difficulty is the lack of uniformity in quality and packing. This, he adds, is one of the matters which was considered at the dairy conference held in Ottawa.

Canadian eggs are looked upon as an excellent article in Britain, but the quantity going forward is too small, he says.

Canadian apples were arriving in London in great quantities when Dr. Grisdale was over there, and he was pleased to note that they were held in high regard. He thinks, however, that packing methods need improvement.

The demand for Canadian apples can be materially increased if the right article is sent over and properly handled there.

"On the whole," concluded Dr. Grisdale, "I am of the opinion that Canadian agricultural products will in the future command more and more the attention of the British consumers."

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Some Bumper Crops

Alberta Farmers Secure Big Yields In Certain Sections

Some of the record crops of wheat harvested in Southern Alberta this years are the following: Messrs. O. F. Malmberg, of Blackie district, had 470 acres of wheat that averaged 47 bushels per acre; 530 acres which suffered a 5 per cent. hail loss averaged 41½ bushels; 100 acres suffered a 50 per cent. loss yielded 25 bushels per acre. W. H. Fletcher, Brant, Alberta, had 160 acres yield him 61 bushels to the acre. He had altogether 1,600 acres which yielded very high. Thomas Margetts, Brant, had 110 acres of wheat that averaged 58 bushels per acre. R. C. Hoak, Cayley, Alberta, had 140 acres under Marquis wheat from which he threshed 8,000 bushels, which was an average of 57.1 bushels per acre. G. G. Coote, Cayley, threshed 1,835 bushels of wheat from 25 acres. John Jacobson, of Vulcan, had a 45-acre field of wheat average 66 bushels per acre and around Vulcan that average was not so unusual. Farmers of the Vulcan district will ship upward of 2,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, and Blackie and Brant will come near that mark. They have had remarkable crops this year. L. C. Boomer, Nanton, Alberta, who farms a half-section of land had 130 acres of wheat summerfallow land that averaged 50 bushels of wheat that graded No. 1 hard and weighed 64 lbs. to the bushel measure.

B.C Manual Training Schools

Stand Second Only to Ontario in Manual Training and Domestic Science

British Columbia stands second only to Ontario in manual training and domestic science work in public schools in Canada, according to the Minister of Education for the province. In the last year 12,217 pupils attended manual training classes as against 10,511 in the previous year. Pupils receiving manual training in elementary schools numbered 10,507 this year, as against 8,930 last year, while those in high schools number 1,564 this year as against 1,540 last year.

Our Canadian Winters

Are Seasons to be Enjoyed and Not Feared

The winter is not the time to huddle away from the cold, but should be used as the time to enjoy it. To those who have been used to anticipate the approach of winter with fear, the advice may be offered to get out into the open and make friends with it; it will be found to be a jolly old fellow when its acquaintance is once made. Join up with some of the snowshoe aggregations, and trail out where a fire can be built and a supper can be had in the open; get in with a skating club, or, at any rate, take long tramps and learn the beauties, as opposed to the terrors of winter.—Fort William Times-Journal.

Dominion Patents

Big Increase in Number of Patents Issued During Last Fiscal Year

There were 12,542 patents issued by the Dominion Patent Office in the last fiscal year. This is the greatest number ever issued by the office in a single year, and is an increase of 5,194, or almost seventy per cent. more than the previous year, according to the report. The total net receipts were $484,478, an increase of $29,592 over the net amount received in the previous year.

Deaths From Diphtheria Reduced

The lives of hundreds of little diphtheria patients in two New York hospitals have been saved by a new invention, a tiny electric suction pump that clears the throat of choking membrane and allows the patient to breathe. The pump is the invention of the late Dr. Henry L. Lynah.

Doctors credit it with reducing the diphtheria death rate from 33 per cent. to 10 per cent.

Best He Could Do

Hearing a commotion in the street a woman looked out of a window and saw a Chinaman beating a poor horse.

"Haven't you any humanity?"

"No, madam—nothing but vegetables and fruit today."

Among the natives of South Africa there is a general belief in the split soul. One tribe believes in three souls—one in the head, another in the stomach and a third in the big toe.

Praise For Woman Journalist

Eastern Writer Makes Complimentary Refereace to Edmonton Lady

A prettily turned paragraph—what one woman newspaper writer thinks of another—is found in a recent number of the Globe, written by Mrs. John Lawrence, president of the St. John, N.B., branch of the Canadean Women's Press Club. Anent the Vancouver Triennial and the women speakers, she says:—

"Praise is especially due along these lines to Mrs. Miriam Green Ellis, editor of the agricultural page of the Edmonton Bulletin, who before going to the triennial had just completed a 1,400-mile trip through the farming districts of Alberta to get an estimate of the year's crops. Mrs. Green is an expect in her line, and her address before the Vancouver Board of Trade was authoritative, optimistic and witty. The only fly in her ointment during the whole session was that she received an invitation from her neighbor, Baron Renfrew, to have lunch with him and, by no trick of either the C.P.R. or the C.N.R., or of the imagination could she cover the distance between Vancouver and Stony Creek. The loss was Baron Renfrew's, for in Miriam Green Ellis he would meet a charming type of the progressive Western Canadian woman."

Mrs. Ellis recently lectured before the Women's Canadian Club of Winnipeg on a 2,000-mile trip taken last summer down the Mackenzie River system.

Evidence Of Prosperity

British Traveller in Canada Compares Living Conditions Here With Old Country

Sir Robert Clough, former member for the House of Commons for Keighley, Yorkshire, who has returned to England from a visit to Canada, comments on the appearance of prosperity to be seen everywhere in Canada.

"During the visits I have paid to Canada," says Sir Robert, "I have noticed a standard of prosperity which I would be gratified to see among our own workers. Everybody there is well dressed and all seem to go about with an air of prosperity. General contentment is self-evident, which is contrary to the gradual and general lowering of the standard of living, recently so regrettable a feature in this country. Almost all the inhabitants in Canada seem to have money for the purchase of automobiles. I was informed by one of my hosts that his laundress came to work in her motor car. If there is any suffering at all in Canada, it is only from tightness of money which at the present time is universal."

Immigrants From Sweden

Swedish Emigrants Will Turn Their Faces to Canada

The first regular direct passenger traffic between Scandinavian countries and Canada will be established by Sweden early in 1924. The first vessel in the new service will be the S.S. Stockholm, which will carry passengers direct from Gothenburg to Halifax, thence proceeding to New York.

There has been an unusually large exodus of Swedish emigrants to the United States since July 1, and it is reported that the full quota of about 20,000 allowed for the fiscal year will be practically filled by next January. A great number of Swedes who would be shut out from the United States until the latter part of the next calendar year are now evidently going to seek their fortunes in Canada.

Gossip has a thousand tongues—and they all work overtime.

WESTERN EDITORS

Thomas Miller, Editor and Managing Director of The Daily Times, Moose Jaw, Sask.

To Make Dash For North Pole

U.S. Navy Department to Make Attempt by Air Next Summer

A dash by air for the North Pole will be launched by the United States navy department during the coming summer. Secretary Denby announced that President Coolidge had given his specific approval to the project as of "great practical value."

A special board of naval officers, headed by Rear-Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of naval aeronautics, has been appointed by Secretary Denby to prepare a detailed plan.

Admiral Moffett's board has at its disposal all the government's records of previous Arctic explorations, as well as information that the American Geographic Society is able to furnish. On the study of this data, as well as records of weather conditions in the Arctic, will be founded a recommendation as to whether the last lap of the journey shall be undertaken in aeroplanes equipped with skiis for landing on the ice, or with the great naval dirigible, Shenandoah. Naval officials feel that the Shenandoah in many ways would be the most desirable ship for the dash, particularly because the airship can hover over the Arctic regions while motion picture records are made, or scientific data, otherwise, is obtained.

An announcement by the navy department as to the instructions given to Admiral Moffett's board, said that the purpose of the study would be "to devise plans for an extensive exploration over unknown regions adjacent to the Pole."

Pays to Clean Wheat

Value Is Increased By Cleaning Wheat At Threshing Time

Cleaning wheat at threshing time added 7.3 cents to the value of each bushel threshed in a series of experiments in Minnesota and the Dakotas, the Department of Agriculture announces.

Various types of cleaning machines were operated in connection with thresher and farmers co-operating with the most successful recleaner gained an average of 7.3 a bushel on each bushel threshed. No charge was made to cover the operation of the recleaner, but it is pointed out that if a charge of as much as two cents a bushel had been made the grain would have averaged 5.3 cents a bushel net.

There are lots of big boys and small men in the world.

Japan has fourteen national holidays.

United Empire Loyalists Will Celebrate Greatest Event In Canada's History

Next June there will be celebrated in Canada one of the greatest events in the history of Canada and of the Empire, namely the anniversary of the settlement of Upper Canada by the United Empire Loyalists. June 16, 1924, will be the 140th anniversary of this great event. One hundred and forty years ago there was no Upper Canada or Ontario, as that territory is now called. The war between Great Britain and the thirteen American colonies, which resulted in their independence and the establishment of the new republic of the United States of America, was brought to a close by the treaty in 1783. Many thousands in the new republic who had espoused the cause of Great Britain, desired to live under her laws and enjoy her freedom and principles of justice. Some went to England, West Indies and other places.

Several shiploads of the Loyalists set sail from New York for the then uninhabited and unknown wilderness of Upper Canada on September 8, 1783. They proceeded up the Atlantic coast to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, thence up the river St. Lawrence to Sorel, Quebec, where they wintered in shacks and tents, while they constructed flat-bottomed boats called batteaux, to enable them to complete their journey. In the spring when the government had completed surveys in the territory around the Bay of Quinte, they proceeded to that territory, arriving June 16, 1784, and settled along the shores of that bay. Later, small parties came in canoes by way of the Hudson River and other waterways to Lake Ontario and thence to various parts of Upper Canada.

These early pioneers are called United Empire Loyalists. By an order-in-council of the Canadian Government, passed Nov. 9, 1789, when Lord Dorchester was governor, a record was directed to be kept of these people, and a "mark of honor" conferred upon them and their posterity, so that the United Empire Loyalists are the only persons upon whom an hereditary title was ever conferred by the Canadian Government, and it is not likely there will ever be another hereditary title conferred by a Canadian Government.

This title was not created and conferred because the recipients had accumulated riches, attained political distinction or basked in the sunshine of a prince's favor, but because the recipients had lost all worldly possessions, had sacrificed everything for a noble principle and served well in a good cause. As time goes on, it will no doubt come to be regarded as the most exclusive and honorable title in the Empire.

The action of the United Empire Loyalists made possible a British North America with its two million British homes. The event which will be celebrated next June at the city of Belleville in the Bay of Quinte district, is therefore one of the greatest events in the history of the Empire.

Not only Canadians but citizens of the United States of America are taking an interest in the celebration. Already a number of prominent citizens of the United States have expressed their intention of being present, including General Putnam, of Vermont, a relation of one of Washington's generals; Hon. Mr. Justice Clarke, of the supreme court of the United States; Rear-Admiral Sims, and Sampel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. The governor of New York state has written that he will be present or send a representative. The governors of a number of other states have sent similar messages.

Natural Gas At Edmonton

Installation of System Made in Record Time

Recently thousands of Edmonton people saw the official opening of the Edmonton gas system, when Mayor Duggan lighted the flame on the high pressure line crossing the Fifth Street bridge. Norhtwestern Utilities Limited, the gas company, is starting out with 3,000 customers. In the installation of their system this company made an Alberta record for rapid work. The gas is piped about 85 miles, from Viking. Starting work in July the long pipe line was completed by the end of October, the city distribution system being ready for service a few days later. The gas supply in the proven area at Viking is estimated at sixty billion cubic feet. The ten wells drilled for the Edmonton system have a daily flow of forty million cubic feet. The gas is high in B.T.U.'s.

Increase $300,000,000

Total Value of All Grains Produced in Canada Show Big Jump

That the total value of the different grains produced in Canada in 1922 was nearly three hundred million dollars greater than ten years previous, is graphically shown by a new elevator map of the prairie provinces, just issued through the natural resources intelligence service of the Canadian department of the interior. A diagram showing production per year and value of the various grains for the past fifteen years, is one of the features of the new map, which has been prepared chiefly to show the storage capacity of each grain elevator throughout the three provinces. By figures underneath the name of each city or town with elevator facilities, the capacity of the nearest thousand is indicated. Points outside of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta where grain warehouses have been established, are also illustrated through an inset map. Those in a position to use a map to advantage will be provided with a copy, free of charge, upon application.

Dairy Products to Britain

Denmark during the nine months ending September 30, shipped 1,339,470 cwts. of butter to Britain; Australia, 144,371 cwts.; New Zealand, 940,120 cwts.; and Canada, 10,714 cwts. The Netherlands, including Denmark, shipped in the same time to the same destination 149,007 cwts. of cheese; Australia, 39,284 cwts.; New Zealand, 1,211,986 cwts.; and Canada, 558,030 cwts. A leading British firm reports that recent shipments of butter from Canada have been very satisfactory and that quotations are 188 to 190 shillings per long hundredweight, or a little over forty cents a pound.

Swiss Practice Grape Cure

The "grape cure" is practiced in Switzerland by persons who are troubled with gout or liver diseases. The time they spend among the grapes of Mt. Pelerin, above Vevey, or Bexles-Bains, seems to benefit and calm patients. The juicy white grape of Switzerland is most beneficial because of its easily digested skin.

Good advice is well enough in its way, but a hungry man can't make a meal of it.

Lord Rosebery's Tact

Many years ago, when Lord Rosebery was giving a dinner to some of his tenants, an old man who sat next to him helped himself to a huge piece of ice cream. When he regained his breath he exclaimed, "Why this pudding's froze!"

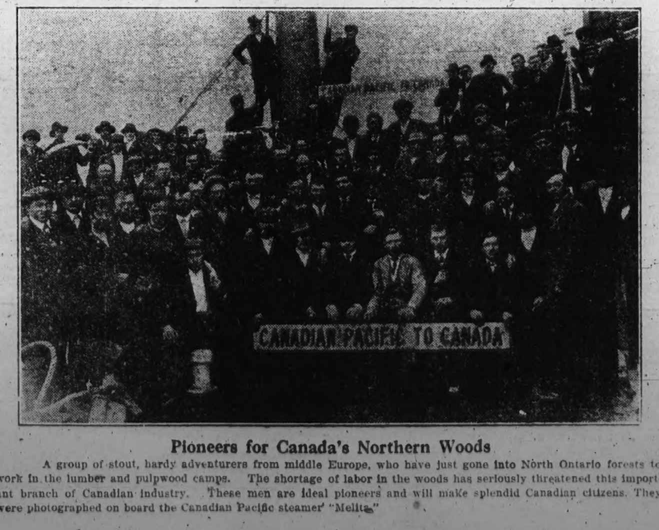
Lord Rosebery tasted a little from his own plate, and then, his face a wonderful study in genuine astonishment, remarked, "Great Scott! So it is!"

Surely an unrivalled instance of consummate tact!

Anxious Old Lady (on river steamer).—"I say, my good man, is this boat going up or down?"

Surly Deckhand.—"Well, she's a leaky old tub, ma'am, so I shouldn't wonder if she was going down. Then, again, her b'ilers ain't none too good, so she might go up."

Parry, the British explorer, was the first to negotiate the open passage between Greenland and the Bering Sea.



Pioneers for Canada's Northern Woods

A group of stout, hardy adventurers from middle Europe, who have just gone into North Ontario forests to work in the lumber and pulpwood camps. The shortage of labor in the woods has seriously threatened this important branch of Canadian industry. These men are ideal pioneers and will make splendid Canadian citizens. They were photographed on board the Canadian Pacific steamer "Melita."

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VIKING

A meeting of the local G. W. V. A. was held last Saturday at which a resolution was adopted to ask the provincial command to look into the matter of rural credits for returned men who are finding it difficult to finance from one crop to another. It is alleged that soldier settlers under the S. S. B. are being discriminated against on account of being soldier settlers which is working a decided hardship in many cases. Returned men are urged to join the local G. W. V. A. and assist in the work that the executive are trying to do.

A Carnival Dance is going to be put on in Jensen's hall on Thursday evening, January 17th. This is something entirely new in the line of dances and a real good social time is sure to be had by those who attend. Confetti, streamers, caps, horns and ticklers, will be furnished to all. A local orchestra that has been organized lately will put pep into the carnival by some brand new music that has never been heard before in this neck of the woods. There will be piano, violin, drums, banjo and mandolin and perhaps one or two other instruments.

O. Hollar, of Rodino district, appeared before Geo. Loades, J. P., and P. R. Ramsey, J. P. last week on a charge of theft from a dwelling house. The case arose at H. R. Froment's. After Mr. Froment had his sale he left the rest of his personal belongings in the house till morning and when he came at 9 o'clock the following morning he found goods valued at about $60.00 were missing, including shoes and clothing. A search warrant was issued and Const. Warrior searched O. Hollar's premises and found two pairs of shoes and a jacket which Mr. Froment alleges to be his. The case is one that has to be dealt with at a higher court, and at the time of going to press the disposition of the case is not yet decided. C. G. Purvis, barrister, defended, and prosecution by Const. Warrior.

E. A. Nelson, of Phillips district, appeared before Geo. A. Loades, J.P. last week for sentence, being charged by the Lakeview Municipal District of disposing of grain covered by a Municipality Seed Grain Lien. This act is in contravention of the Municipal District Seed Grain Act. The case had been heard a week previously and owing to some technical points about the case Mr. Loades submitted the whole matter to the Attorney-General. It was upon his advice that Mr. Nelson was found guilty and fined 50.00 and costs. The case may be appealed.

Another very unfortunate and disastrous fire in this vicinity occurred on December 27th when the residence of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Slavik, south of town, was totally destroyed by fire. The family had retired early and were awakened about 9 P. M. with the house in a blaze. They had difficulty in getting out alive. Mrs. Slavik had her hands severely burned.

Tofield and Viking rinks battled for supremacy on the ice here last night, Viking coming out ahead by two points. McLaughlin and McAthey held their battle of brooms and stanes on ice No. 1, while Long and Lee fought it out on ice No. 2. Both games were nip and tuck all the way., no more than two or three points, and seldom more than one point difference in the total of both scores on the score board. Long headed Lee from the start and was four up in the fifth, Lee crawled up to 7-8 in the tenth, Long made another in the eleventh, while Lee came back in the 12th, making the score 8 to 9 for Long.

This competition was the first for the District Event which is a feature of the Edmonton bonspiel this year. On Friday the same rinks play at Tofield. The total points of the games played here and at Tofield will decide the winner.

The ladies will also go to Tofield on Friday. They have selected Mrs. Robinson and Miss Irene O'Leary to skip the rinks.

Prof. S. R. Leacock, of the Department of Classics, University of Alberta, Edmonton, visited Bruce Collier for a couple of days last week. Though but a young man Mr. Leacock has secured quite a string of degrees M. A., B. D., and the new one of Bachelor of Education.

The editor received the sad news on Tuesday that his sister, Mrs. E. Odquist, of Rockford, Illinois, had died. She was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thunell, formerly of this district, but now of Minneapolis, Minn.

The local G. W. V. A. are arranging for a pool tournament to be held on Tuesday, January 22nd, at 7.30 P. M., in Runyon's Pool Room. This tournament will be open to the public. Suitable prizes will be put up for the winners. Tickets will be 25c to enter the tournament. This is something new in the line of sport and a large crowd of cue artists will likely be on hand to take part. Tell your friends and be there.

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Miss Palma Berg who has handled the cooking in such an efficient manner at Shaw's hotel for the past year or so returned to her home at Viking. Her position is being filled by Miss Dicka Fluevog of Coal Springs district.

E. T. McDowell received word from his home at Waldemar, Ontario, that his father had fallen on ice while getting a pail of water and broke his thigh.

A meeting of the ratepayers of the Village of Irma has been called for next Monday night when nominations will be held for Councillors for the ensuing year. Every ratepayer should be out as a lively time is expected.

Irma Ladies Aid intend giving a social evening and programme in the Church Wednesday evening, January 23rd. Don't forget the date and everybody come.

Although we have had some colder weather hte last week there is not enough snow in this part of Alberta yet to make sleighing.

There will be a dance in Larson's Hall, Wednesday evening, January 16th. Special music is being provided. Admission 75 cents per couple. Everybody come.

Mr. A. Mills of Wainwright was in Irma Monday giving instructions in the handling of the new fire apparatus.

Mr. Chas. Walker returned to his home at Acme Monday morning after spending a couple of weeks with his folks north of Irma.

Mrs. R. Moulton returned Saturday night after a weeks visit at Edmonton.

Mr. Rice of Edmonton has accepted the position of teacher at Education Point School.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Barreth returned Monday night after spending a week with friends at Edmonton.

Miss Barmley Moore, late teacher of Education Point School has accepted the position of teacher at Avonglen School.

LEWISVILLE

A Xmas entertainment followed by a dance was held in Lewisville school and was a very successful affair. Miss Milburn, the teacher, won golden opinions from the people for her good work in training the children for their various parts in the concerts.

School begins at Fabyan on Monday 7th. The teacher will board at Mr. R. Bell's.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sanders are spending a week in Edmonton.

Mr. Norman King is looking wonderfully well, but, of course, is following the insulin treatment and diet for diabetes.

Mike Caparo has turned over his belongings to the S. S. B., after a fair trial at farming. Mike is a good, industrious settler and we are sorry to lose him.

Mrs. Massie is spending the winter in Ontario and Quebec.

Mrs. Norman Beattie of Strawberry Plains, was called East owing to the illness of her mother in Toronto.

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Here and There

A grizzly bear barbecue will be one of the features of the Winter Carnival at Banff in February.

Ten Canadian and three United States teams have already entered for the Eastern International Dog Derby, which will be run during the Winter Carnival in Quebec, February 21, 22 and 23.

Progress and bright prospects in the development of sodium sulphate in Saskatchewan is reported by the Bureau of Labor and Industries. Sodium sulphate recovered from Saskatchewan deposits is now being used in the manufacture of glass at Redcliff.

A report of the British Columbia Industrial Commission Department shows loans to industries amounting to $1,176,694 embracing 60 plants. Repayments have been made on principal by 55 industries. Total repayments amount to $181,428, of which $71,245 was interest.

For the purpose of extending Canadian trade in Greece, Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean, W. McL. Clarke, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Milan, Italy, has been instructed to visit these countries and report on the opportunities for the sale of Canadian goods.

E. D. Calvert, noted guide and sportsman of Rainy River, who has done much towards bringing tourists from all parts of the United States to the Lake of the Woods, states that the tourist traffic this year has greatly exceeded all previous years and anticipates a greater increase next season.

United States grain shipped from Canadian ports during the crop year, September 1, 1922 to August 31, 1923, totalled 55,000,000 bushels. This meant total handlings of approximately 110,000,000 bushels, as it was necessary for the grain to pass through the elevators at lake ports and at ports of exit.

Miss Marion Towne, of Berlin, N.H., who in three years since she first put on a ski, has achieved fame through her daring and graceful jumping, has expressed her desire to compete with Canada's best girl ski jumpers at the winter sports carnival in Quebec on February 21, 22, 23 and 24th, during which time she will make exhibition jumps.

Further indications that the year 1923 will create a record in ocean traffic are shown by figures given out at the headquarters of the Canadian Pacific Steamships. Bookings for westbound sailings were exceptionally large, while those for sailings to the Old Country for Christmas and the New Year were in advance of the traffic of any previous year.

The Calgary Board of Trade is taking interest in the proposal of large British interests, which involves the utilization of western straw for the manufacture of paper and other products, and is getting all possible information with respect to the development of industries. Hundreds of thousands of tons of straw are burned in the prairies every year, which it is claimed has a commercial value.

St. Jovite, Quebec, has been chosen once more as a movie location, and arrangements have been made by Conrad Nagle and Alma Rubens for the transportation of themselves, party of 17 and equipment to that place during the early winter. Last winter Lionel Barrymore and Seena Owen located at St. Jovite for the filming of "Snow Blind" prior to taking other parts of the picture around the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, and Windermere, British Columbia.

Traffic through the Lachine Canal in 1923 showed an increase over that of 1922 in almost every particular, the total grain carried being 88,285,270 bushels, as compared with 87,831,212 in 1922, the best previous year; coal receipts totalling 813,591 tons, compared with 384,575 tons; the ship tonnage operated being 5,462,200, against 4,736,543; shipments of pulpwood totalling 356,980 tons, against 313,134 last year; the cargo tonnage being 4,411,183, compared with 4,360,323; and the number of passengers carried totalling 78,097, against 69,392 in 1922.

The year 1923 will see a new record in Alberta coal production. It is expected the total production for the year will reach 7,000,000 tons, in comparison with less than 6,000,000 last year. The production up to November 1st is 1,500,000 tons greater than the production for the same period last year. The record production previously was in 1920, when 6,400,000 tons were produced. The pay-roll this year is expected to exceed $18,000,000.

Great interest is being manifested in the International Dog Derby to be run at Quebec during the Winter Carnival on February 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1924. The race is for teams of huskies driven by Indians, trappers, traders, mail carriers and others. At present ten entries have been received and others are expected from the north shore of the St. Lawrence and from the Abitibi mining district. As navigation will soon close, it will be necessary for entries from the latter district to mush 400 miles to reach Quebec. About five American teams will probably take part, their object being to regain the gold cup for the United States.

Irma Local U. F. A. membership Drive is now on.

IN line with new legislation being passed in the various States of the American Union aimed to diminish the alarming number of accidents through reckless driving of automobiles, particularly on level railroad crossings, the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada has requested the Canadian Pacific Railway to submit information bearing upon similar dangerous practices by motorists on various portions of its system so that use may be made of the information with a view to endeavoring, through education, to minimize the occurrence of such dangerous practices.

In a Bulletin issued by the Board of Railway Commissioners on June 15th, 1923, 54 cases of danger at protected crossings are cited for the period October, 1922, to May, 1923, and of these fifty are declared to have been due to the carelessness of motor drivers. "Motor accidents," says the bulletin, "are becoming more frequent. Every sane motorist deplores this. If accidents are to be lessened, the sane motorist must educate the culpably negligent motorists."

All highway crossings are by law protected by signs, and they are only dangerous when the driver of the automobile makes them so. They are not dangerous if motorists will take a small part of the care they exercise in turning on a city street. It is the motorist's carelessness that makes them dangerous. The train has right of way. Everyone knows what may happen if the plainly seen warnings are disregarded at a point where the motor car can stop while the train cannot.

The surprising part of it also is that safeguards and precautions erected by the railroads are so often entirely ignored. Time after time newspaper reports show that crossing alarm bells, barrier gates and even watchmen waving "stop" signals mean nothing to the man in the motor car who is determined to beat the train to it.

Coroners' juries are usually more discriminating and put the blame where it belongs, but the general public, seeing the usual newspaper heading, "Train Crashes into Motor Car," starts out with the impression that the train must necessarily be to blame, when, as a matter of fact, a fairer statement of the case would be "Another Auto Gets in Path of Fast Train." Quite as often, too, the heading should read, "Flying Auto Dashes into Moving Train." Frequently the auto strikes the train well behind the engine, a convincing indication that the motorist too frequently treats the railroad crossing with the same casual notice that he gives the intersection of a quiet country road.

Out of 32 level crossing accidents that happened in Ontario during 1922, 22 were the result of the motorist not heeding the stop signal, and seven were the result of running into the lowered gates or actually passing under them after they were lowered or while they were being lowered. One man had no headlights and apparently did not see the gates were down while the remainder in other ways tried to cross in front of the engine in order to save time.

In an editorial on this question, the Toronto Star says that: "In a country like this, with its magnificent distances, and railway systems with twenty thousand miles of track, the time may never come when all level crossings will be eliminated. With motor cars in use everywhere there is no railway crossing so remote but that a motorist may use it. It is his business to see that he does so at a safe moment. It is his business for two reasons: (1) because it is the presence of him and his car at that time and place, and not the coming of the train, which creates the risk of a crash; and (2) because if there should be a crash he and his car will be crushed, and not the train."

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What is declared to be a world's record for the transportation of grain has just been achieved by the Canadian Pacific Railway. In one period of 24 hours there were moved from Winnipeg for the head of the lakes 1,776 loaded cars. The best previous record, also held by the Canadian Pacific Railway, was [illegible] cars, moved east on October 25th, 1921.

One thousand young buffalo will be taken from the Dominion park at Wainwright, Alberta, and turned loose in the north in the region in which wood buffalo are found, Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, announces. This will prevent the slaughter of these animals made necessary by the increasing size of the Wainwright herd.

VIKING,

Ladies and gentlemen, there is going to be a carnival dance at Jenseh's hall on Thursday, January 17th. Yes, everybody invited.

Representative of the best sheep and swine blood of Great Britain, 33 animals imported from the Old Country arrived in Regina, Saskatchewan, recently. There were 17 sheep and 16 hogs in the shipment. The animals were bought by the government for farmers in the province.

Canada's highest lookout station has been completed and will be ready for use next year. It is situated on Mount Cartier, near Revelstoke, British Columbia, and is 8,023 feet above sea-level. It will be used for the detection of forest fires and for meteorological and other observances.

The Canadian McIntosh red apple is the champion dessert apple in the British Empire, so judges at the Imperial Fruit Show, which opened in Manchester recently, adjudged. They also decided that Cox orange pippins, from British Columbia, on the whole, are the best of the six[illegible] exhibits from overseas, and [illegible] of the "Daily [illegible]" fifty-guinea cup.

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(Continued)

For the ceremonies connected with the building of the fire and its quenching we were indebted partly to Baden-Powell and partly to Narcisse, and the twins took great pride in their woodcraft. But to me our winter picnics, which were usually on a Sunday afternoon, are linked lovingly with Oxenham's "Sacrament of Fire."

"Kneel always when you light a fire!
Kneel reverently, and thankful be
For God's unfailing charity!

I taught the twins to say, and then Nicolas would coax for "the piece about the little lambs, Mother." She and Rupert could not, of course, grasp the full meaning of the poem, but they had almost a proprietory interest in the peat, which,

"Snug below, in sun and snow
Heard the beat of the padding feet
Of foal and dam, and ewe and lamb,
And the stamp of the old bell-wether."

And I think that they loved, too, the the music of the words that they could not understand.

Perhaps our Northern winters are cruel, but surely no one can deny that they are very, very beautiful. For myself, no summer sunset, no semi-tropical growth of flower and shrub forced to luxuriance by the July sun, ever grips me as do the sunny afternoons and the magic twilights of the winter.

The love of the Canadian-born for the winter is a strange and wonderful thing, comparable, perhaps, only to the lure of the East for those who lived there—and, like it, not dependent on physical comfort! Perhaps it is because the winter is peculiarly our own that we love it. Spring and summer and autumn come to all the world in much the same way but the winter belongs to us of the North, and means home as nothing else ever does. And perhaps we have to thank mmories and instincts handed down from our pioneering forefathers, on whom the winter season, because of its strangeness, must have made a deeper impression than any other of the conditions of their new environment,

Some years ago, in reading a book about Russia, I was interested to notice in how many ways that country is like our own. The writer had travelled widely throughout Russia and he wrote of hills and plains and mountains, great rivers and forests, in terms that might with equal truth have been applied to our own Dominion. I was, as I said, interested. But when I came to his account of a winter's journey from one town to another, and of his meeting on the road a peasant walking behind a sleigh-load of logs drawn by two shaggy horses with tinkling bells, my heart said, "That is not like home, that is home." And had I been wintering in California at the time that picture would have drawn me back to my own familiar place. In the same way Suzor-Cote's "Habitant Hauling Wood" has for me a poignant appeal not to be matched by anything else I have seen in Canadian art.

Herrington's Hope is beautiful at any time, so beautiful that I wish I had been born an artist. But, to me at least, nothing can compare with it in its winter stillness—snow unmarred by he smoke and grime of the city; leafless trees more than gaining in form what they have lost in color, wonderful shades of blue and violet in the hollows, the pure green of the open spring in the creek-bed, and the spruce blue-black in the twilight.

Murray, so well that I felt like touching wood each time I looked at him, was very busy for the first part of the winter, and for days at a time the children and I were left very much to our own resources. The Gagnon outfit was at work clearing our new field and Murray, as eager to be busy as to earn something, spent several weeks hauling wood to Spruce Creek, the larger timber being delivered to the mill there and the cordwood shipped to Winnipeg. I was uneasy lest the work should be too heavy for him, but he seemed really to enjoy it, and of course the mild winter was in his favor. He would come home in the evening with a ravenous appetite, a funny story about Mr. Gagnon or Narcisse, or a bit of news picked up in Spruce Creek. And after dinner we would have a chat or some music, perhaps read for a while, and then go to bed. It was the simple life reduced to its lowest terms.

We were not altogether without social intercourse. In fact, we saw more of our neighbors during the winter than we did in the summer, as I might have expected had I known more about country life. Mrs. Fenwick and Gwen Severn and her babies came quite often in the afternoon, and once a week, as a rule, Jean Mowbray would snowshoe over, accompanied by Boris, her big wolf-hound. Then on a day that Murray and the horses had not been working we would have an early tea, pack ourselves and the twins into the sleigh, and proceed to return one of the visits. I felt rather uneasy at first about taking the children out at night but unless I did so Murray and I would never have been able to go together. So I put my scruples aside and followed the example of the other country mothers, and as this did not happen often I am sure no harm was done.

I never valued my books and my piano so much as I did after goir to Herrington's Hope. The more I learn of rural conditions the more I am inclined to think that travelling libraries and good magazines are almost as necessary as schools and roads. I suppose ours was an average neighborhood and Spruce Creek an average town, but the scarcity of reading matter was appalling. The Mowbrays were fine people, but not readers, with the exception of Jean. And she was a born book-lover, with slight means of gratifying her tastes. I was so thankful for my full sets of the English classics, for Jean fairly revelled in Dickens and Thackeray, George Eliot, Charlotte Bronte and Stevenson. There were, unfortunately, great gaps in our library, for Murray and I had both depended on Andrew Carnegie to supply us with current fiction, only buying an occasional new novel that we felt we must own. "Queed" and "Angela's Business," "Joseph Vance" and "Somehow Good and "Alice-for-Short," "The Miller of Old Church," "The Iron Woman," "Aliens" and "The Old Order Changeth" travelled much during the winter of 1920-21. My shelf full of essays and books of travel brought the first real glow of interest to Mr. Fenwick's eyes, and in return for them he lent me books I had read about but never seen, "The Anatomy of Melancholy,' "Eothen," "The Compleat Angler," and so on. The Cameron boys chose O. Henry and Kipling and Richard Harding Davis—Murray has a special attraction for book agents—and Gwen Severn was surprisingly grateful for a loan of a magazine of almost any sort, particularly so if it contained a fashion and needlework section. Gwen is a misplaced modiste, given an illustration and a few yards of material she can make a dress that has a way with it quite beyond the result of my painstaking efforts. Her buttonholes are never just right, and what she does not know about seam finishings would fill a book, but what is that to a genius? I am not a great reader of magazines and so my stock was small, but a hint to Maudie brought a monthly bundle that passed from house to house until for all I know an Eskimo lady living in the most exclusive of Arctic circles may be gleaning new ideas in parkas from a three-year-old Delineator.

As to music, our piano was one of two in the district—the Mowbrays had the other—and I spent more time in practice than I had since my school-days, for whenever we had guests in the evening, music was very much in demand. Murray has one of those useful but not spectacular voices halfway between a tenor and a baritone, Jean's smooth contralto is what one would expect after hearing her speak, Mr. Fenwick has allowed to rust a fine English bass, while Gwen Severn has a sweet, thin, childish soprano and a postively hair-raising repertoire of "comic" songs. Mrs. Fenwick, I found, had played a little bit years ago, and Jean had a fair grounding, but I had to be accompanist-in-chief. And the evenings spent around the piano passed so pleasantly that I never grudged the afternoons I gave to scales and exercises.

Every second Tuesday evening the Alywins were "at home." We never knew how many people would come, sometimes only the Cameron boys, sometimes all the people I have mentioned and others from Spruce Creek and farthr out into the country. Mr. Macleod from the bank was a fairly regular visitor, and both Murray and I were occasionally guilty of "talking shop" with him. The Mowbray boys came sometimes, but they were much younger than the rest of us, and painfully shy—all except seventeen-year-old Sandy, a young nuisance whom one could not help loving and who could knock over more furniture and break more dishes in a given time than anyone I have ever met. Five miles east of us there were four returned men on adjoining quarters who came occasionally, after they had been introduced by Jim Cameron—they were Tom and "Micky" Farrell, and Leonard and George Buckley, their nationality being obvious in every case.

Of the women from Spruce Creek with whom I made friends I liked Mrs. Carsdale best, though all were friendly and pleasant. Even Mrs. Wilson seemed always trying to atone for her husband's unpopularity and I often heard of her doing kind things for the very people whose poverty was the source of her husband's wealth.

Phyllis Carsdale was—well, "different." Her husband had been killed at Cambrai and I have always thought that his death was less of a sorrow than it should have been. Not that Phyllis has ever told me anything definite, she is not that sort, but there is a cynical strain in her, and a lack of faith in human happiness, that seems to point to an unhealed hurt. She adores the twins and Molly and Gerald Severn, and she is a wonderful teacher, but it seems difficult for grown-ups to pass the barrier that she has built around herself.

But to return to our Tuesday nights. If we had many guests we cleared the living-room for dancing, and those who did not dance played cards in the kitchen, or simply looked on. At ten o'clock I served coffee and cake, and afterwards we sang or talked for perhaps an hour, never more, for most of our guests were a long way from home.

There was nothing very modern or very "highbrow" in either our singing or our talking. We sang all the good old homey songs that everyone knows, with an occasional bit of rag-time for a change. One night I remember very clearly. Mr. and Mrs. Gagnon had come over, and someone suggested that the boys should sing "Alouette" with Mr. Gagnon's assistance. It was an unforgettable incident, Mr. Gagnon's pleased excitement and his appreciation of the execrable troop-French of his chorus would have melted a heart of stone. As an encore he gave us "Roulant ma boule", and then the boys sang, "Has anyone seen the Colonel?" explaining it afterwards, verse by verse, to Mrs. Gagnon, who beamed upon them all and then went to the piano and played a tinkling litt tune that she had learned at the convent dear knows how many years ago!

If we had only Jean and the Camerons and the Fenwicks we would have "real music," Mrs. Fenwick and Jim constituting the audience as the rest of us attempted everything we had in the house, from bits of Oratoria and opera to Gilbert & Sullivan and "The Maid of the Mountains."

And when we talked we talked of the weather and the crop prospects and politics and freight rates and new ways of cooking winter vegetables, sometimes of the books we had been reading, and sometimes the men talked of the places they had seen in France and in England, while the women listened half in fear and half in envy.

But we never read free verse to each other, nor freer one-act plays. And music meant to us beauty and harmony and rhythm, something to be enjoyed rather than analyzed. We lived very happily, in a word, with little or no assistance from Freud or the Psychoanalysts—and when a well-meaning acquaintance sent me "Main Street" as a Christmas gift I burned the book instead of passing it on.

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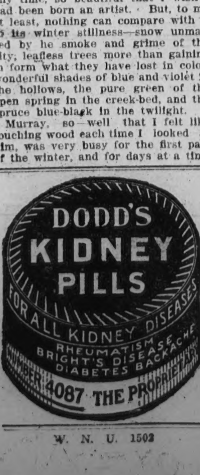

Bandits Revive Old Practice In China

Extort Money From Rich By Threat to Desecrate Bones of Ancestors

A practice almost as old as China itself—that of extorting money from well-to-do Chinese by threatening to desecrate or by actually desecrating ancestral graves—has been revived by Honan bandits.

Nanyang, in the middle of the Honan province, offers an outstanding example of this revival. Once a thriving town and the home of Chu-ko Liang, famous hero and strategist of the time of the Three Kingdoms, has become a bandit stronghold. Virtually all wealthy Chinese have long since left the place to escape execution. But the bandits still have a grip on them.

By threatening to exhume the bones of their parents or other ancestors, the most sacred things conceivable to the mind of the Chinese, and to burn them or scatter them to the four winds, the bandits are virtually certain of receiving ransom money from these wealthy people. They are just as certain of the money as if they had possession of the victim of extortion himself or of his living relatives.

Moreover, even in the event a captive is killed owing to delay on the part of friends or relatives in paying ransom money, the body still remains to be ransomed to save it from desecration.

It is said there are at least 60 gangs of bandits centring around Nanyang and occupying more than 50 villages in the surrounding territory. The gangs range in number from 600 to 2,000 members each. Each is striving to attain the fame of the infamous "White Wolf" who for years terrorized portions of Honan province before banditry became such a widely recognized profession.

"Wan the Bearded," "Wang the Monk," "Chang the Ninth" are titles assumed by three of the gang leaders. No apparent effort is being made by the military authorities to suppress these gangs.

Want Uniformity In Fast Time

In order to secure uniformity the League of Nations has recommended that all governments which henceforth adopt the so-called "daylight saving" or summer hour agree on identical dates for the beginning and end of the period of summer time.

CHILBLAINS

Rub the feet well with Minard's. A few applications and the soreness is gone.

MINARD'S "KING OF PAIN" LINIMENT

Fill your pipe with

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80¢ a ½ lb. tin

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The Story of Shorthand

Abbreviated Form of Writing Made Use of by the Ancients

Although shorthand is so widely used today, probably few people realize that, in a different form, it was popular in the days of Ancient Rome.

The first mention of an abbreviated system of writing is made in connection with the Roman poet, Quintus Ennius, 200 B.C., who devised a scheme of 1,100 signs for his own use. Then we have Plutarch's statement that Cicero's famous oration in the Roman Senate, in 63 B.C., was reported in Shorthand.

References to shorthand were made in the works of Cicero, Horace and Pliny, and the poet Ovid bears testimony to the fact that by means of these characers Caesar's political secrets were borne far over land and sea. Evidence goes to show that the Sermon on the Mount was reported in shorthand by St. Luke.

The writing was scratched on to tablets covered with a layer of wax. The tablets were afterwards fastened together at the corners by wire, thus forming a sort of book.—Tit-Bits.

Where Mastodons Roamed

Mighty Monsters that Once Roamed the Plains of Canada

Mighty mastodons, infinitely larger than the largest elephant, are said to have once rambled over Canada. The skeleton of one of these enormous creatures was discovered near London, Ont., with tusks eight feet long. The greatest mastodon cemetery in North America is the valley of Red Deer in Alberta. London, Ont., is 700 miles south of Red Deer and nearly 1,800 miles east of it. Through this enormous territory, and probably also far beyond the bounds of it, roamed these and other monsters. The general opinion of geologists is that the mastodon became extinct in the Palestine age, the period before the advent of man upon earth, but many authorities think it highly probable that the mastodon and man were contemporary for a short period on the North American continent. It belongs to the same family as the elephant, which has survived in Africa and in Asia. What Canada looked like when it was inhabited by the mastodon must be left to conjecture.

An Economical Republic

Probably no republic in the world spends so little on its central government as Austria. The total budget of the president's bureau amounts only to 710,000,000 crowns a year, or a little more than $10,000. This sum includes the salary of President Hainisch, and of 19 secretaries and servants, as well as all expenses for entertainment, presidential journeys, upkeep of automobile, stationery and all other office expenses.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

"LITTLE FOXES," By E. A. Henry, D.D.

Interesting Stories For Young Folks

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"BY-AND-BY"

"Oh, dear me! What a child that is! Johnny, will you please do that errand for me?"

"Yes, Mother, by-and-by!"

"Mary, will you pick up your things and tidy your room? It looks as though a storm had struck it!"

"Oh, yes, I will, by-and-by!"

When are you going to do your home work? By-and-by!

When are you going to start that job you wanted to do? By-and-by!

When are you going to be useful? By-and-by!

When are you going to bed? By-and-by!

When are you going to get up? By-and-by!

When? When? When?—By-and-by! By-and-by! By-and-by!

"By-and-by is a very bad boy,
Shun him at once and forever;
For he that goes with By-and-by
Soon comes to the town of Never!"

They say that Rothschild, one of the wealthiest men of the world, made the beginning of his fortune by acting at the moment. He was in Brussels and heard the report of the battle, and spurred his horse and paid a large sum to be ferried across a river; and got to London early in the morning before the news was abroad; and laid the foundations of his wealth in a few hours.

That is one of the roads to success—being prompt.

The dilly-dallying, shirking, waiting girl or boy will always be at the tail-end of things, and will never catch up enough to catch on.

Do you want to catch on?
Then do it now—not by-and-by!

There is a little poem printed in Messenger for the Children. I want to repeat it to you:

Put-Off Town

Did you ever go to Put-Off town,
Where the houses are old and tumble-down,
And everything tarries and everything drags,
With dirty streets and people in rags?

On the street of Slow lives Old Man Wait,
And his two little boys named Linger and Late;
With unclean hands and tousled hair,
And a naughty little sister named Don't Care.

Grandmother Growl lives in this town,
With her two little daughters called Fret and Frown;
And Old Man Lazy lives all alone
Around the corner on Street Postpone.

Did you ever go to Put-Off town
To play with the little girls, Fret and Frown,
Or to the home of Old Man Wait,
And whistle for his boys to come to the gate?

To play all day in Tarry Street,
Leaving your errands for other feet?
To stop or shirk, or linger, or frown,
Is the nearest way to this old town.

Ontario to Make Own Picture Films

Ontario is to manufacture its own educational moving picture films in its own plant. Following investigation as to the cost and results of conducting operations through private concerns, the Provincial Treasurer announced that the province has purchased for $30,000 a small up-to-date plant in Trenton owned by the Adanac Producing Company Ltd.

Old Lady (to little boy playing in a puddle).—"My dear child, get out of that puddle at once!"

Small Boy.—"Go and find a puddle for yourself, can't you? I saw this one first!"

Nearing the End

"I am not going to talk long this evening," said the speaker. "I've been cured of that. The other night I was making a speech when a man entered the hall and took a seat right in the front row. I had not been talking an hour when I noticed he was becoming fidgety. Finally he rose and asked:

"Shay, how long you been lecturin'?"

"'About four years, my friend,'" I replied.

"'Well,' he remarked as he sat down, I'll stick around; you must be near through.'"—Western Christian Advocate.

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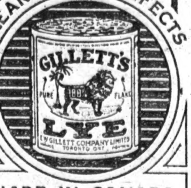

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WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Chicago's annual loss caused by the smoke evil is placed at $12,500,000 in a report by the Citizens' Smoke Abatement Commission.

It is learned that the City of Toronto had $278,519.59 deposited in the Home Bank when the bank closed its doors. The city faces a possible loss of about $200,000.

Talk in senatorial quarters is that the United States Government, before many months, will get into closer relations with Russia and may even recognize the Soviet Government.

Signor Marconi has announced that within the next few weeks he planned to begin tests between London and New York of his system of projecting radio waves in a desired direction.

The Polish Diet unanimously ratified the three treaties with Turkey signed at Lausanne. One is a pact of "eternal frienship," the other's pertain to commerce.

Argentina's production of cattle has increased 24 per cent. since 1914. At the end of 1922 there were more than 37,000,000 head of cattle in the republic.

Trained carrier pigeons are bringing narcotics across the border from Mexico in such quantities that the drug prices in underworld markets has slumped perceptibly, according to U.S. federal agents at Los Angeles.

An Esperanto college has been established in Peking with an enrollment of more than 150 students. In addition to Esperanto, Chinese and English literature, history and mathematics will be taught.

A French naval pilot was killed and one naval officer and two non-commissioned officers are missing owing to an accident to a navy hydro airplane during an aerial and submarine manoeuvre off Cherbourg, France.

The Furness Shipbuilding Company has secured orders for the construction of two steamers of 2,600 tons dead weight for the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, and five oil-carrying barges from the Imperial Oil Company, Toronto.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture a crisis in the English cotton industry has been brought about by the ravages of the boll weevil in the cotton fields of the United States, combined with the European situation and conditions in the world generally.

Premier Smuts was given a rousing reception on his return from the Imperial conference. The Premier stated that the appointment of the Earl of Athlone as governor-general of South Africa had been made on his suggestion.

He Read Good Books

The successful man was addressing a class and exhorting them to cultivate a taste for good books. "My young friend," he said, "you should not only read good books but you should own them in order to have access to them at all times. Why, when I was a boy I used to work all night to get money to buy books, and get up before dawn to read them."—Detroit News.

Liver and Bowels Right—Always Feel Fine

There's one right way to speedily tone up the liver and keep the bowels regular.

Carter's Little Liver Pills never fail. Millions will testify that there is nothing so good for biliousness, indigestion, headache or sallow, pimply skin. Purely vegetable.

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Find More Treasures

Many Magnificent Pieces Taken Out of Egyptian Tomb

Six more showcases containing rare and beautiful treasures from Tutankhamen's tomb have just been added to the collection of seven cases already on display in the Cairo museum.

Probably the finets piece in the collection is the Pharaoh's little jewel box, of solid ivory, yellowed with age, with knobs, hinges and feet of solid gold, inscribed on the back with the king's name and on the back with the lotus symbol of Upper Egypt.

Also of interest are the king's buckles, of openwork sheet gold, with scenes inlaid in tiny golden granules, representing a process said to be unknown today, while the gold pendants and scarabs are exquisitely carved.

Eleven miniature cars, presumably intended for the use of Tutankhamen when he came to cross the dark stream beyond which lay the fruitful fields where dwelt the dead, are undrstood to have been found by Howard Carter while searching inside the outer canopy of the Pharaoh's tomb.

At 80 Years Of Age Was Troubled With Shortness Of Breath Palpitation Of The Heart And Fainting Spells

Mrs. M. O'Connor, Whitestone, Ont., writes:—"I have been troubled, most of my life, with shortness of breath, palpitation of the heart and fainting spells. I was advised by a friend to try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, which I did, and at once found relief, and I have never had a really bad spell since.

I am 80 years of age and always keep them in the house, and when I feel any symptoms of my old trouble coming on all I have to do is to take a few doses. With the help of your Pills I expect to see many years yet. I always recommend them to any one who is suffering from heart trouble."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50c a box at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price, by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Breaking the News

A Scotchman woke up one morning to find that in the night his wife had passed away. He leaped from his bed and ran horror-stricken into the hall.

"Mary," he called downstairs to the general servant in the kitchen, "come to the foot of the stairs quick."

"Yes, yes," she cried. "What is it? What is it?"

"Boil only one egg for breakfast this morning," he said.

FREQUENT HEADACHES

A Sure Sign the Blood is Watery and Impure

People with thin blood are more subject to headaches than fullblooded persons and the form of anaemia that afflicts growing girls is almost always accompanied by headaches, together with disturbances of the digestive organs.

Whenever you have constant or recurring headaches and pallor of the face, they show that the blood is thin and your efforts should be directed toward building up your blood. A fair treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will do this, and the rich, red blood made by these pills banishes the headache.

More disturbances to the health are caused by their blood than most people have any idea of. When your blood is impoverished, the nerves suffer from lack of nourishment, and you may be troubled with insomnia, neuritis, neuralgia or sciatica. Muscles subject to strain are undernourished and you may have muscular rheumatism or lumbago. If your blood is thin and you begin to show symptoms of any of these disorders, try building up the blood with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and as the blood is restored to its normal condition the trouble will disappear. There are many people who owe their present state of good health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and most of them do not hesitate to say so.

If you are suffering from any condition due to poor, watery blood, or weak nerves, begin taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills now, and note how your strength and health will improve. You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail, at 50 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Should Welcome Rain

Instead of grumbling, people should be glad when they awaken to the sound of an abundance of rain. Mankind, as someone has said, always acclaimed the healing power of rain. "With the coming of rain the spirit re-awakens, the nerves renew their strength, the mind clears, one's energies are releasd." We can have too much of a good thing, no doubt—too much rain, but also too much sun. The point is, we need both.—Cape Argus.

Parry, the British explorer, received $25,000 from the British government for discovering the north magnetic pole.

Minard's Liniment for Dandruff

Clear Your Skin Restore Your Hair With Cuticura

Daily use of the Soap keeps the skin fresh and clear, while touches of the Ointment now and then as needed soothe and heal the first pimples, redness, roughness or scalp irritation. Cuticura Talcum is excellent for the skin.

Soap 25c. Ointment 25 and 50c. Talcum 25c. Sold throughout the Dominion. Canadian Depot: Lymans, Limited, 344 St. Paul St., W., Montreal.
Cuticura Soap shaves without mug.

Canada's Great Future

Sir John Willison Says Canada Due For Period of Expansion

Faulty conception of Canada's great future, fostered by a political system which had taught that this country was dependent upon the United States, had been in a great measure responsible for the steady exodus from Canada of young men, Sir John Willison told members of the Young Men's Canadian Club at Toronto. Canadians who had gone to the United States had unquestionably established reputations for themselves, he said. They had with them a touch of efficiency possessed only by the Scot and the Canadian, but man for man, those who had stayed in Canada had succeeded in great measure.

Canada, he declared, would experience, in the near future, the greatest expansion, not alone in its own history, but in the history of the continent. One reason for this was her untold resources in minerals which would prove to be the basis of financial and commercial stability and progress.

End Stomach Trouble, Gas Or Indigestion

"Pape's Diapepsin" is the quickest, surest relief for indigestion, gases, flatulence, heartburn, sourness, fermentation or stomach distress caused by acidity. A few tablets give almost immediate stomach relief. Correct your stomach and digestion now for a few cents. Druggists sell millions of packages of Pape's Diapepsin.

Interesting Models At New York Show

Man Spent Ten Years Carving Locomotives From Wood

Ernest Worther, of Dover, Ohio, and his fifteen models of locomotives that he whittled and carved from wood with his big pocket knives, were a part of the New York Central Service Progress Special Train, which recently was on exhibition at the Grand Trunk Terminal, and many of the persons who visited the exhibit found the models the most interesting part of it.

Worther spent ten years carving his fifteen models. They illustrate the progress of locomotive design from Newton's "tea kettle" engine to the latest Pacific type turned out by the Baldwin Locomotive Works. They are carved in wood, the wearing parts plated with ivory and bone, and engineers say they are correct and to scale down to the smallest part of the locomotive.

The King's Advantage

King George is reported to have acquired a new automobile, the first in thirteen years. But then, of course, King George does not require to buy a new automobile every year to keep his place in society.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

The cat was unknown in England till the ninth or tenth century, when there was a document stating that a man would be fined fourpence for killing a cat and eightpence if he killed the King's cat.

When Holloway's Corn Remover is applied to a corn it kills the roots and the callosity comes out without injury to the flesh.

Next to the Bible, "Pilgrim's Progress" has been translated into more languages than any other book. Th number now exceeds 107 languages and dialects.

After Grippe
SCOTT'S EMULSION
should be taken every day for a month

Advanced Radio System

Marconi Sees Revolution of Long Distance Wireless

Signor Marconi, pioneer of the field of wireless, declares his belief that a revolution in the methods employed for communication with distant countries will be possible as the outcome of important tests carried out by himself and C. S. Franklin, the British expert.

M. Marconi said that, according to the new system, the electric waves carrying the messages were projected and propagated in a beam, which was tuned in any desired direction, as opposed to the present system, whereby the waves are sent out in all directions. Communication had been successfully carried on by the new system between England and St. Vincent, one of the Cape Verde Islands, a distance of 2,250 nautical miles, he reported. Only a fraction of the electrical energy hitherto found necessary was employed.

Increased Grain Handlings

Shipments of Grain Over C.P.R. Lines Show Heavy Increase

According to officials figures received by the Canadian National Railways, the total grain shipments from the head of the lakes for the period from Sept. 1 to Nov. 14 amounted to 118,837,339 bushels, as against 113,938,035 bushels for the same period last year. Shipments to lower Canadian ports and Europe show a considerable increase during that period, while exports to the United States were nearly seven million bushels less than last year for that time. An increase of over 3,500,000 bushels in the shipments to Montreal is noticed, while shipments to Quebec were 254,882 bushels against no shipments to that port last year during that period. A total of 196,300 bushels of wheat was shipped from the lake ports to Europe. In this case also there was no direct shipment during the same period of 1922.

Kills Bacteria

Antiseptic Effect is Attributed to Tobacco Smoke

Pipe-smokers have an advantage in health over men who do not smoke, according to an American doctor who saw service as a surgeon with the American Expeditionary Force in the world war. "During the war," he says, "I was in charge of over 500 soldiers at a post with marshes nearby, and dysentery raged with virulence. I noticed that the heaviest smokers, who went about with pipes in their mouths, did not contract the disease. I smoked all the time and was free from it. So that smoking is in reality a great protective against disease."

According to the Pasteur Periodical, a magazine issued by the celebrated Pasteur Institute in Paris, tobacco smoke is highly antiseptic and kills, in a few moments, the primary bacteria of cholera, diphtheria and cerebro-spinal meningitis.

Manitoba Butter Wins

Manitoba has been awarded first in the Dominion Educational butter scoring tests held at Ottawa, in which all provinces competed it was announced by L. A. Gibson, Provincial Dairy Commissioner. The sample submitted by the Holland Creameries of Virden, Man., received 98 points, with Nova Scotia second, and Quebec third, with scores of 97.5 and 97.3 respectively.

The Oil for the Athlete.—In rubbing down, the athlete will find Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil an excellent article. It renders the muscles and sinews pliable, takes the soreness out of them and strengthens them for strains that may be put upon them. It stands pre-eminent for this purpose, and athletes who for years, have been using it can testify to its value as a lubricant.

Cows Pay Their Board

Alberta, according to the last government agricultural report, has 400,000 dairy cows, valued at approximately $19,500,000. The product of these cows last year was worth $23,500,000, or $4,000,000 more than their own value.

Montreal's Reputation

It is a somewhat questionable distinction that the chief city of Canada seems now to have gained. An American paper refers to it as "an international filling station."—Edmonton Journal.

In England it is customary for an audience to rise at the beginning of the "Hallelujah Chorus" of Handel's "Messiah," and remain standing until it is ended.

Every newly married couple imagines they are living on love until the first butcher's bill is handed in.

Even though one machine makes 40,000 match stems a minute smokers seldom have any.

Hers—the most famous pancake recipe in all the world: ready-mixed in
AUNT JEMIMA PANCAKE FLOUR

THE OLD HOME IN ONTARIO

is the place around which centres the tenderest memories of many who are now citizens of Western Canada. All such have now a splendid opportunity to visit the scenes of their youth, to meet and once again to greet their old friends and acquaintances. Beginning 5th of December, the Railways are offering attractive rates to Eastern Canada. Come and bring the wife and kiddies too and when in Toronto stop at the WALKER HOUSE or the CARLS-RITE HOTEL where special attention is given to Ladies and Children who are unaccompanied.

THE WALKER HOUSE "The House of Plenty"

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where George Wright and E. M. Carroll (both formerly of the West) are proprietors. Attractive rates on European and American Plans. No reasonable request of a Parent for special food for the Kiddles is ever refused.

Showing Dominions' Goods

Empire Products Being Well Displayed In London Stores

Possibly the presence in London of the Dominions' premiers has had something to do with the fact that so many of our great stores have been making a special display of Empire products, but whatever may be the cause, it is a very welcome development. There has been in the past too much of a tendency to keep dominions' goods in the background, and to prduce them only under compulsion, so to speak. Happily that prejudice is passing, and now in our stores generally the overseas products—and how many there are of them!—are not only being well displayed, but also highly recommended by salesmen who are obviously convinced of their virtues. In these circumstances the obligation is on overseas producers and shippers to see that quality is maintained and that a good reputation is not jeopardized by bad marketing.—London Letter.

A Divorce Granted

After many years of patient suffering, you can be divorced from corns, you can get rid of them completely by applying Putnam's Corn Extractor. This wonderful old remedy acts in 24 hours and never fails. Refuse a substitute and remember "Putnam's" is the only Painless remedy. 25c everywhere.

Device Stop Automobiles

Inventor Thinks He Can Also Kill Airplane Engine

A device to stop the motors of automobiles and aiplanes has been invented by an unnamed French engineer, according to an article in the newspaper Liberte.

The reporter who wrote the article claimed to have witnessed a successful demonstration when two taxi cabs and a motor truck were stopped in the street after a certain current had been turned into the machine, which was stationed in a house.

When the current was turned off, the cars restarted.

The inventor was quoted as saying: "I am working on the more difficult problem of stopping all motors. I think I can kill an airplane engine flying at 1,000 meters."

A Wonderful Grapevine

J. T. Krause, of San Jose, California, in 1910, planted two Concord grapevines in his yard. Today they cover an arbor of about 5,000 square feet, besides climbing over a tank house and tank, an elevation of thirty-five feet. The vines are planted thirty feet apart and have produced more than a ton of grapes for the last four years. They measure twenty and twenty-one inches in circumference at the base.

The soot fall in Newcastle-on-Tyne is equal to 452 tons per square mile a year, says Dr. Kerr, the medical officer, in his annual report, but in spite of this, 1922 was "an exceedingly healthy year.

Handkerchiefs prior to 1784 were made in various shapes. They assumed their present style at the wish of Marie Antoinette, the tragic French queen.

Minard's Liniment for Distemper

France Best Customer

Buys Most of Canada's Export of Canned Salmon

France proved Canada's largest customer for canned salmon for October, taking 27,869 cwt. out of total exports for the month, amounting to 83,397 cwt. In September, Canadian salmon was exported to France to the extent of 7,705 cwt., while in August the quantity was 2,911 cwt. Referring to figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for recent years, however, it is seen that France bought 54,213 cwt. in October of 1921, and 35,798 cwt. in October of 1922.

Miller's Worm Powders will not only expel worms from the system but will induce healthful conditions of the system under which worms can no longer thrive. Worms keep a child in a continual state of restlessness and pain, *and there can be no comfort for the little one until the cause of suffering be removed*, which can be easily done by the use of these powders, which are very effective.

Seed Grain Cleaning Plant

The Dominion Government's seed grain cleaning and grading plant at Edmonton has been opened with facilities for handling 150,000 bushels. The seed go out, after preparation, as first-class, made-in-Alberta, registered and pedigreed seed grain.

Charles Dickens was weak and sickly in body and found all his boyhood pleasure in reading.

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GIN PILLS FOR THE KIDNEYS

IRMA BOYS PLAY FIRST HOCKEY GAME

The Irma Junior Hockey team with their manager E. T. McDowell, motored to Wainwright on Wednesday evening and played the first game with Wainwright team for the Armstrong Shield. The game ended 7-2 in favor of the Buffalo town. The score was no indication that they had so much the better team. Wainwright team work and practicing on a rink whereas the Irma boys had to practice on the lake and having no coach until Mr. McDowell accepted the invitation of the team to manage them and that only two days before the game. The line-up was as follows:

Wainwright

Ackroid, Goal; Sepper, Defense; Bondreau, Defense; Murray, Forward; Spence, Forward; Wilkins, Forward; Alderson, Sub; Carrol, Sub; Hyde, Sub Springer, Sub.

Irma

Mathison, Goal; Mitchell, Defense; Peterson, Defense; Fischer, Forward; Biffy, Forward; Tucker, Forward; Subs. Glasgow, Edmonds, Saunders, Peterson.

SEEKS TERMS AND LOCATION FOR OIL REFINERY IN CITY

An American visitor in town interested in the oil refining business is in touch with the city commissioners with a view to deciding upon location and terms for the site of a possible refinery for Edmonton. The visitor, whose name is not being made public at present, does not promise the establishment of a large concern nor has he definitely decided upon Edmonton for his location should his plans mature. Negotiations with the city are still being carried on.

—Edmonton Journal.

STRAYED—from Section 1-45-9-w4 Two Red some White Steers, and One Yearling, branded L reverse R over bar on left hip, also waddle on left jaw.—Notify A. Long, Irma. 36-9.p

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STARYED—On my place, one three year old Steer, red, branded MU on right hip.—D. Elliott, Sec. 32-47-10, Kinsella P. O. 3tp.

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Readers of the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal are noted for the enthusiastic support which they give their paper Their enthusiasm and trust seem to be well placed. They never look upon the $2,00 subscription as an expense, but rather as a safe investment which pays them big dividends every year. They are no doubt right when they claim that each issue of the Family Herald and Weekly Star contains money saving and money-making ideas which would pay the subscription price over and over.

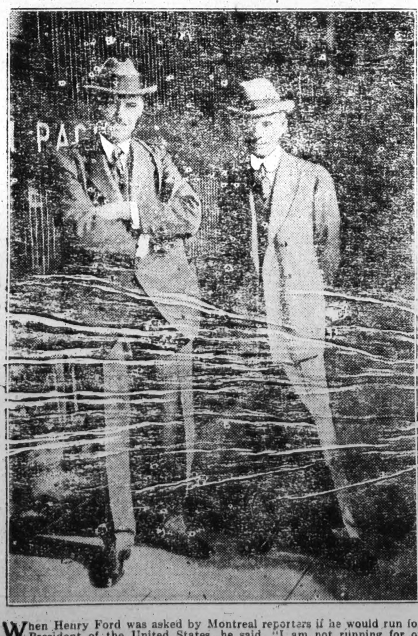
Readers of the Family Herald and Weekly Star are indeed lucky, because it is now announced that, heaped upon the phenomenal value already contained in the journal itself, the publishers are giving free to each new subscriber who remits in time, and to present subscribers who renew their subscriptions for another year, a most beautiful picture entitled "The Wonderful Heroine." The reproduction of the original masterpiece in colors has been done to perfection. In size the picture is 18 x 24 inches, on rich, heavy paper.

The life story of The Wonderful Heroine has been printed in booklet form and a copy can be obtained cost free by any of our readers who send a postal card to the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal.

IRMA AGRICULTURE SOCIETY LIVE ISSUE

A meeting of the members of the Irma Agriculture Society was held in the G. W. V. A. Room last Saturday when the room was well-filled with members all of whom were very enthusiastic that plans should be arranged for holding the annual fair the coming summer. On account of the scarcity of help last summer the fair was cancelled, which action did not appear to meet with the approval of some of the members. After considerable discussion as to the best policy to conduct in raising funds to put the association in a good financial position to look after the expenses necessary to conduct a good fair and clean up the balance owing the bank it was decided to hold an entertainment on Friday night, January 25th. The following members were appointed to arrange the program, A. A. Fischer, H. W Love, M. T. Knudson, and W. Masson with power to add. Arrangements are being made to have the teachers from the schools in the district repeat the best parts from their Xmas entertainments and a good program will be assured. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. J. H. Elliott, President; O. Steffenson, Vice President; A. A Fischer, 2nd Vice-President; with R. Smallwood, E. J. Jones, H. Kasten, Mrs. J. H. Elliott and Mrs. Geo. Tripp as directors.

For U.S. President?



When Henry Ford was asked by Montreal reporters if he would run for President of the United States, he said, "I am not running for or against anything", but when asked if he would accept nomination if proferred, the motor car king replied:

"No one knows what they will do from one day to another."

Mr. Ford is here seen in conversation with Mr. Grant Hall, vice-preside of the Canadian Pacific Railway, at Windsor Station, Montreal.

Renew Your Subscription

More or Less Funny

Three men are going to sky-rocket to the moon. Why go so far to get moonshine?

The man who goes through life hunting for a soft thing can find it right under his hat.

A bunch of local young bachelors were talking the other day when we heard one remark: "Well, fellers—we gotta watch out for 'em again!" Wonder what they meant.

A young Holden fellow, while calling on his best girl the other evening, said: "My darling, I want to tell you something. I have deceived you. I am not rich, but utterly penniless. Will it make any difference to you?" "Not the slightest, J——k," she replied. "I am so glad, dearest," he said, "Are you quite sure it will make no difference to you?" "Quite sure," she answered, "for I know a fellow I can marry who has got a wad."

Lucinda was testing the devotion of Erastus:

"S'posen, Rastus, it am night, and we is in a deep, black woods. Dey comes a boa 'constructor, wrigglin' thu de grass, an' a wildcat boundin' thu de bushes, an' a li-on roarin' an' makin' fo us' uh mile u'h minnit. Rastus—what we g'wine do?"

"We," woman—why, dey ain't g'wine be no "we!"

FRUIT SALAD

Yes, we have no bananas!
Do you carrot all for me?
My heart beets for you,
With your cherry lips,
And your peach complexion,
Radish hair and turnip nose.
My love is soft as a squash,
And strong as an onion.
If we cantaloupe, lettuce marry;
We'll make a good pear.

LETTER FROM NEW PROHIBITION LEAGUE

To the Editor

Dear Sir:—At the seventh annual Convention of the temperance and social workers of the province held in Edmonton, December 4th, 1923, a special resolution was passed authorizing the forwarding of a letter to yourself expressing our deep appreciation of the splendid help given to the cause of Prohibition in the recent campaign.

You will notice that we have reorganized as an Alberta Prohibition Association and will devote our entire energies in the future to Prohibition.

Although taking no part in suggesting any system of handling liquor to be included under Clause D our organization will continue active in securing law enforcement under the new law. It is our intention to give whatever system the Government may adopt a fair trial and we will expect the new law to be enforced as well if not better than the Prohibition Law.

Sincerely yours,
Alberta Prohibition Association,
H. H. Hull,
General Secretary.

CATTLE POOL MEETING.

A meeting of delegates from Fabyan, Irma, Jarrow, Kinsella, Philips and Viking will meet at Viking on Monday, January 14th, at ten A. M. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the Cattle Pool Association. Mr. Elliott, Supt. of the U.G.G. Live Stock Association, will be present to address the meeting.

Efforts are being made to have the through Coast train stop here Monday evening of that week so as to allow the delegatees to this meeting to get to Edmonton in time to attend the opening of the U. F. A. Convention that opens in that city on January 15th. All interested in the cattle pool are urged to attend the meeting here.

U.G.G. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Irma Local No. 87 will be held in Larson's Hall, Irma, on Wednesday afternoon January 23rd at 2 P.M. All shareholders of the U. G. G. are requested to be present. The delegates report will be given and election of officers for the ensuing year will be held.

—W. A. Burton, Secretary

TRAIN SCHEDULE, IRMA, ALTA.

Effective January 6th, 1924.

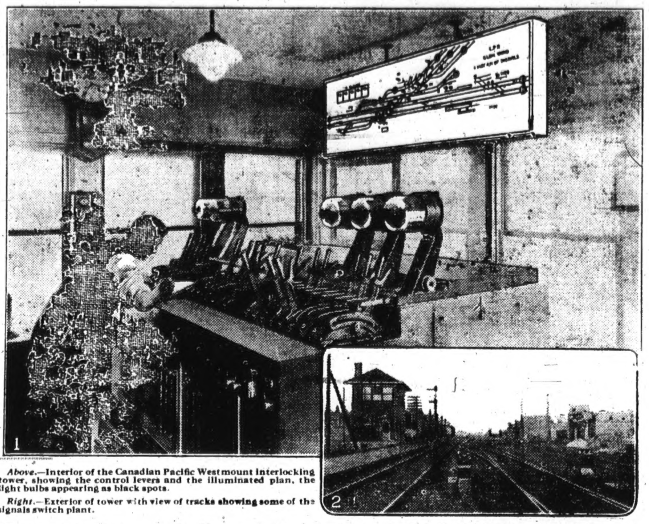
No. 1, Going West	7.44 P.M.
No. 3, Going West	7.28 A.M.
No. 2, Going East	10.38 A.M.
No. 4, Going East	10.14 P.M.

Train No. 1 stops only to let off or pick up passengers from or to Jasper and West.

Train No. 2 stops only to let off or pick up passengers from or to Saskatoon and east.

— ROY WHYTE, Agent

Electric Traffic Cop at Railway Intersections



Above.—Interior of the Canadian Pacific Westmount interlocking tower, showing the control levers and the illuminated plan, the light bulbs appearing as black spots.

Right.—Exterior of tower with view of tracks showing some of the signals switch plant.

From statistics which cover all railroads and cities on the North American Continent it has been adduced that pedestrians on city streets are much more liable to meet with an accident than are the travellers by train, yet few of those who rely upon the railroads to carry them with safety and despatch from one place to another appreciate the enormous amount of energy and money which is expended annually on the installation and maintenance of the myriad safety appliances and devices which insure the safe and quick handling of rail traffic. Because, with few exceptions, every industry contributes to the upkeep and operation of the railroads, science of late years has contributed more to railroad engineering than to anything other than medicine. As new appliances are evolved, so they are tested for their practicability, and being found serviceable are placed into use. That Canadian railroads are not behind those of other countries in the adoption of improved appliances is evidenced by the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway has recently installed electrical Interlocking Plants at all points where its rail crossings were unprotected along the line from Montreal to St. John, N.B., and at various points elsewhere. These electrically operated plants at points where the lines of two companies cross, eliminate all danger of trains crashing into one another at crossings, and considerably facilitate train movements.

Electrically operated interlocking plants have been operated by this Company for many years, and although not actually revenue bearing they have afforded an additional degree of safety, which can hardly be reckoned in dollars and cents. As an instance of what these plants are and do:—trains approaching Montreal from all over the continent, with a few exceptions, converge at Montreal West, and run over the same tracks from there to Windsor Street Station, a distance of 4.6 miles. Taking into consideration the empty ones and those given over to freight, it is obvious that hundreds of trains use these tracks daily, and it is to safely govern these trains that three electrical interlocking plants have been installed, at Montreal West, Westmount, and the entrance to Windsor Station.

The one at Westmount was last installed, replacing the hand lever system which controlled trains entering or leaving the Glen Yards and using the main lines. The signal tower, which houses most expensive apparatus, is entirely fire proof, and has two stories and a basement. The top floor contains the interlocking machine or levers by which the signals and switches are controlled, an illuminated plan of the tracks under control and telephones giving direct communication with the towers at Montreal West and Windsor Station and the train despatcher and yardmaster at the Glen Yard.

On the ground floor is the power apparatus, the switch boards, relays and other necessary apparatus, and the basement, specially ventilated, contains 55 cells of storage battery with a capacity of 160 ampere hours, or sufficient to operate the plant for one week without recharging.

The track plan, directly over the levers, is electrically lighted, and by watching small light bulbs, the operator is able to mark the approach and progress of all trains. A bell rings when an approaching train is within one mile of the plant, and continues to ring until the signal-man clears the signals and sets the switches over the route.

The levers operating the switches and signals are so interlocked that a signal cannot be given for a train to pass through the plant until a route for it has been set up, and it is impossible for a conflicting move to be made which would endanger it or any other train. When the operator has cleared a signal the switches are so locked that they cannot be changed until the train has passed over them. Should a train be required to travel over a route other than the one originally set up for it, the signal man cannot make the change without operating what is known as the "Time Release", a clockwork mechanism which opens and closes electric circuits, unlocking the levers after a time limit of from one to three minutes. The speed with which trains may travel over some routes is limited, and the object of the time release is to prevent the operator from changing the route so that a fast train would proceed over a slow track.

This safety apparatus, unheeded by the travelling public generally, cost a great deal to instal, and the Canadian Pacific receives no return for this except that which accrues through the additional safety and despatch of its trains.

The Premier at Lord Shaughnessy's Funeral

Representatives of the Federal Government and Canadian Pacific Railway at the funeral of the late Lord Shaughnessy. In the centre, left to right, behind the motor, Sir Lomer Gouin, Right Hon. William McKenzie King, Senator Dandurand. To the extreme right W. N. Tilley, K.C., E. W. Beatty and Sir Herbert Holt. Inset, The cortege entering St. Patricks Church

WANT ADS.

Cattle branded OL with half cirle on right hip are property of J. R. Love, Irma. Kindly notify if strayed.

WANTED—Cattle to winter. Can winter about twenty head of cattle or would take same on shares. J. H. McCreadie, S.E. 15-45-8-4, Irma P. O. 34-36P.

LOST—Yearling Heifer, coming two Hereford, white face, white patch on neck, legs and lower part fairly light color, no brand, $2.00 reward for information leading to location. W. G. Gunn, S.W. 30-45-9-4, Irma. 34-36c

FOR SALE CHEAP—Good 1 1-2 H. P. Pumping Engine in good working condition.—A. G. Walker, Irma, Alta. 35-7.P

IMPOUNDED—In the pound kept by J. Watson on S. E. 22-46-9-w4th, on December 26th, 1923, One Gray Mare branded

—on left hip. One Bay Mare, branded RR over bar on left hip, white strip on face and two front feet white. One Blue Roan Mare, branded B2 in circle, on left shoulder.—To be sold Tuesday, January 8th, at 2 P.M. unless claimed. 2TC

STRAYED—to N. W. 28-45-9-w4th, One Red and White Cow, shorthorn, with horns, no brands visible. One Light Red Cow with horns, no brands visible.—Owner can have same by proving property.—J. R. Love, Irma.

SALE AND REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS (Sec.48)

Notice is hereby given under Section 48 of The Domestic Animals Act (Municipalities) that One Red Heifer mottled head, notch on lower left ear, no brand, was impounded in the pound kept by N. V. King located on the S. E. quarter 19-45-7-w4th on Saturday the 15th day of December, A. D. 1923, and that the said animal was sold on the 7th day of January, 1924 to George W. Madder of Fabyan, Alta. and that said animal may be redeemed by the owner or on his behalf within a period of thirty days from the publication of this notice in The Alberta Gazette, upon payment of all fees and costs due to the municipality and the purchaser of said animal.

For information apply to the undersigned.

—R. J. Tate, Sec.-Treas. of the M.D. of Battle River No. 423, Post Office Irma, Alta. 1-T